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## Pay Bill Up - Final Vote Next Week

### Soldiers Ask Pay Raise for Roosevelt

Claim Presidential Salary Has Been Static for More Than 33 Years

By Pvt. Don Halladay and Phil Scheier  
Special to Army Times

KEY FIELD, Miss. — The "Raise for Roosevelt" rally at Key Field last Thursday was set for 12:30, but by 12 the field was crowded with a steady stream of soldiers and civilians, all converging upon the field plaza. A cheer rose from the rapidly growing throng when promptly at 12:25, the Key Field military band marched on the field, playing the lively Air Corps march. By 12:30 the enthusiastic crowd had overflowed all the available space.

When the band played "Hail To the Chief," the members of the "Raise for Roosevelt" club in the country threw themselves into a demonstration that launched with frenzied fervor what may well be a popular movement. Soldiers carrying placards reading: "He Could Make More in The Movies"—"A Raise For Roosevelt"—"We Appreciate Him"—"Double or Nothing"—"Let's Get In Line With the Times"—"We're Rankin' Franklin"—as well as many other slogans, milled through the thronging of excited service men and civilians.

Sgt. Bob Neary leaped atop the speaker's platform and opened the rally by outlining the origin and purpose of the movement. He reminded his listeners that the President of the United States hasn't had a raise in pay since 1909—33 years ago. In the meantime the duties and responsibilities of the office have steadily grown more onerous. "Let's get out of the same old buggy days," Sgt. Neary said. "Let's pay the President a salary in keeping with the times, and with the great job he's doing." He was interrupted again and again with thunderous cheers of approval, while the placard carriers vigorously wagged their signs in protest.

Throw Hats in Air  
The chief speaker at the rally, a member of the Georgia Legislature, now in the Army Air Force, Cpl.



HERE'S PART of the crowd that rallied around the "Raise for Roosevelt" banner at Key Field. Band was playing "Hail to the Chief" at this moment. —Air Force Photo.

Woodrow Wilson Tucker was then introduced.

The legislator turned soldier predicted that a "historical and just movement is being launched at Key Field today." He continued, when the shouts had temporarily subsided, "I was named after a great president and a great American—Woodrow Wilson—but I tell you that Franklin Delano Roosevelt is the greatest statesman and the greatest world leader of all times.

"Corporal Tucker was forced to pause while the crowd cheered madly and threw their hats in the air.

Then he went on, "In appreciation of the services he has rendered his country and the services he is performing now, he should receive this small gesture of appreciation from his fellow citizens. We cannot promote him—he already has the highest position his country can give him—but we can show our gratitude towards the President by making his salary at least equal to that of the

heads of large corporations."

As Corporal Tucker finished, the soldiers grabbed a huge picture of the President which had been mounted on a jeep during the rally, and began an impromptu parade around the field, and in a few seconds the entire gathering with placards held high began one of the most un-military, but undoubtedly the most enthusiastic parades ever seen at Key Field or any other Army Base.

At the conclusion of the rally the members unanimously adopted a resolution pledging themselves to further the progress of the movement through all possible channels.

Civilians Sign Up

Club officers in a statement made later Thursday emphasized the fact that membership in the "Raise for Roosevelt" club is open to anyone in sympathy with the club's principles. He urged interested persons in other places to found chapters of the rapidly growing national organiza-

tion. The statement ended as follows: "This is a big country, and being its president is a big job, a job that would tax the capacities of any ordinary man to the limit. Let's pay the man who is doing the job so well a big salary."

It was apparent from the reaction of members of the Key Field personnel that the rally was a spark that has ignited a movement. All day long soldiers were sending in their membership applications, and by Thursday night it was safe to say that Key Field was behind the idea of a "Raise for Roosevelt" to a man. Civilian employees, both men and women, were rushing around trying to get their cards in and applications were being received from Meridian and the surrounding territory.

One soldier summed up Key Field sentiment when he said: "I'm all for it—150,000 per cent. The President is a swell guy. We should do something for him, and as far as I'm concerned this is it."

### Senate Expected to Accept House Bill With \$50 Base Pay For Privates

The Senate is expected to accept the House \$50 Pay bill when it comes up for final action in the House and Senate early next week. Delay this week was due to absence of Senator Johnson of Colorado and other members of the House and Senate Military Affairs committees.

The House conference committee consists of Representatives May, Thomason, Harter, Andrews and Short; the Senate conference committee consists of Senators Reynolds, Johnson of Colorado, Hill, Austin and Gurney. They met Friday and expected to submit their conference report to the House and Senate Monday.

If the conferees recommend the Senate bill, which carries \$42 base pay for privates instead of \$30, an effort will be made in the House to defeat the report and retain the \$50 per month base pay as provided in the House bill, says Representative Rankin, who introduced the amendment raising the base pay from \$42 to \$50 per month.

Support of the \$50 basis in the Senate is also indicated if the matter comes to a vote on the report of the conference committee.

### Allotment Bill Okay'd

The House Military Affairs Committee this week reported favorably on the Dependents Bill, providing allotments and allowances to dependents, but eliminated Title II of the bill that would have permitted the Federal Security Administration to make supplemental payments to dependents.

Otherwise the committee left the bill almost unchanged. It removed a provision for payment of benefits to grandchildren and provided that any payments to "Class B" dependents, such as parents, brothers and sisters, might be made only after proof of dependency or, in the case of a sister or brother, a showing of disability.

The committee also eliminated a provision for payments to "additional" parents, including mothers-in-law and fathers-in-law. The bill provides for allotments by enlisted men of the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grades of \$20 per month to dependents with the government adding \$20 for a wife, \$10 for each child and lesser amounts for other dependents. Text of the bill was published in the April 25 issues of Army Times.

### House Gets Vote Bill

Hearings on the Ramsey bill to permit soldiers to vote in camp in national elections were held this week. The bill is to be reported to the House early next week.

The bill, as introduced, is being amended in committee; full details will be reported in the May 30 issue of Army Times. It provides for voting in camp by any voter who is qualified under the laws of his state of residence, for Presidential electors, United States Senators and Representatives.

The secretary of state of each state provides the ballots and distributes them to the various units of the Army and Navy. The votes then are to be returned to the states where they will be counted and cast. Efforts are being made to put the bill through Congress in time to permit voting in the national elections this fall.

### Announce New Furlough Regs

In order to relieve congestion of long-end travel, the Army will regulate furloughs so that the dates of departure and return to duty will be on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, it was announced this week.

Furloughs and annual leaves will be scheduled throughout the twelve months of the year and not concentrated during the vacation months of July and August.

Commanding officers will be authorized to grant furloughs for the Memorial Day and Fourth of July holidays to 15 per cent of the men of their commands if the military situation permits.

Furloughs are authorized for men in replacement training centers, however. Men in reception centers will be granted furloughs without limitation as to numbers.

Furloughs granted for Memorial Day will be arranged so that individuals will depart from camps not later than June 30 and end not later than July 8.

Copies of Army Times are made available to all Army hospitals through the American Red Cross.

### General Wesson Leaves Chief of Ordnance Post

Major General Charles M. Wesson, Chief of Ordnance, will be retired May 31 ending more than 45 years of active service, the War Department announced.

General Wesson held the post since June, 1938. During World War I he was in charge of construction and maintenance of ordnance of the AEF, for which he received the French Order of the Black Star.

Replacing General Wesson is Maj. Gen. Levin H. Campbell, Jr.

### Army Matches Navy 'E' With An 'A'

Similar in size and design to the Navy's "E" award, an Army "A" award has been created by the War Department to be conferred on war production plants and workers for outstanding performance in Army production.

It is made of red wool bunting and bears the head, breast and shoulder of the American eagle in gold, on a blue field, framed in a white circle. A large capital letter "A" in white is adjacent to the eagle. White stars, each five inches in diameter, will be placed in a vertical line parallel to and adjacent to the staff of the pennant to represent additional awards.

### Free Summer Shows Prepare for Tour

The summer theatrical program for Army camps, posts and stations, sponsored by the United Service Organizations and Camp Shows, Inc., will begin within the next week.

The schedule, as now formulated, calls for providing a show every three or four weeks for each of the camps on the circuit. These entertainments, the majority of which are musical variety shows, employ between 200 and 300 actors and actresses, and comprise eight complete show companies for the major circuit and seven companies for the minor circuit. In addition to the regular performers, well-known theatrical personages from the stage, screen and radio participate in occasional performances with various units. All shows, whether on the major or minor circuits, will be free.

The major circuit embraces the larger posts, camps and stations that have outdoor stages of suitable size, or field houses with suitable stages, draperies and lighting facilities. The minor circuit includes the smaller posts, camps and stations, and show units playing this circuit will be provided with outdoor stage facilities through the means of stage trucks similar to those employed during the 1941 summer program.

Post commanders may provide any necessary assistance in operating the theatrical facilities, provided

it does not interfere with military operations and training. The Army provides basic facilities, such as theatres, lighting and other utilities, with the transportation, lodging and feeding of the theatrical personnel the responsibility of USO—Camp Shows, Inc.

#### Whites For Nurses

Authorization of new summer uniform for Army Nurses in the form of a white service coat, skirt and cap was announced by the War Department.

The white service coat is very similar in cut to the Army officer's white coat. The similarity ends there, however. The nurse's coat has a half-inch band of maroon braid three inches above the cuff of the sleeves and the shoulder loops are piped with a maroon cord.



## 70 Officers Attend Camouflage School

Special courses of instruction in military camouflage for officers of the Army Air Force will be initiated shortly at the Engineer School, Fort Belvoir, Va., it was announced today by the War Department. The first class will consist of fifty officers from the Army Air Forces and twenty officers from the ground forces, to begin training on June 1. Later, similar courses will be conducted by the Aviation Engineers of the Army Air Forces, at March Field, Calif.

A knowledge of camouflage technique for airdromes has long been a requisite for the aviation engineers

with the Army Air Forces. The purpose of these courses is to extend that knowledge throughout the Army Air Forces, and provide every Air Force squadron with officers trained in the use of camouflage in combat operation.

The course will consist of two weeks' training in camouflage, including concealment of airdromes, dispersal and concealment of aircraft on the ground, and maintenance of camouflage discipline. It will include the carrying out of camouflage projects in the field. The use of photographs in camouflage interpretation will be covered.

## There Are 46 New Generals In the Army

Temporary appointments of 46 colonels to the rank of brigadier general were recommended to Congress Thursday by the President, and 15 brigadiers were temporarily promoted to major general rank. They are:

### To Be Major Generals

Brig. Gen. Albert Eger Brown, Brig. Gen. Henry Lawrence Cullen Jones, Brig. Gen. William Henry Harrison Morris, Jr., Brig. Gen. Durward Saunders Wilson, Brig. Gen. William Middleton Grimes, Brig. Gen. Rapp Brush, Brig. Gen. Joseph Dorst Patch, Brig. Gen. John Emmitt Sloan, Brig. Gen. William Hanson Gill, Brig. Gen. Harry Lewis Twaddle, Brig. Gen. Frank Cadle Mahin, Brig. Gen. Homer Ray Oldfield, Brig. Gen. Joseph Lawton Collins, Brig. Gen. Harold Roe Bull, Brig. Gen. Robert Olds.

### To Be Brigadier Generals

Col. Thoburn Kaye Brown, Col. Lucian King Truscott, Jr., Col. Clift Andrus, Col. Paul Everton Peabody, Col. Gilbert Richard Cook, Col. Hayes Adlai Kroner, Col. Leland Stanford Hobbs, Col. Stonewall Jackson, Col. Lloyd Davidson Brown, Col. Thomas Dewees Finley, Col. Alfred Jefferson Lyon, Col. Robert Lily Spragins, Col. Horace Logan McBride, Col. Barnwell Rhett Legge, Col. Roland Paget Shugg, Col. James Francis Brittingham, Col. Ward Hale Maris, Col. Guy Ichabod Rowe, Col. Roderick Random Allen, Col. John Matthew Devine, Col. George Wesley Griner, Jr., Col. Arthur McKinley Harper, Col. Warren Thomas Hannum, Col. John Thomas Kennedy, Col. Royden Eugene Beebe, Col. Louis Albert Kunzig, Col. James Arthur Pickering, Col. Milton Baldrige Halsey, Col. James Washington Barnett, Col. Randolph Tucker Pendleton, Col. Idwal Hubert Edwards, Col. Leland Wilbur Miller, Col. Thomas James Hanley, Jr., Col. Thomas Henry Green, Col. Royal Reynolds, Col. Omar Heinrich Quade, Col. Charles Egbert Branshaw, Col. Thomas Bernard Larkin, Col. Leonard Russell Boyd, Col. Donald Armstrong, Col. Gordon Marshall Wells, Col. John Kay Christmas, Col. Ross-well Erie Hardy, Col. Edward Arthur Evans, Col. Kenneth Buchanan, Col. Albert Edward Colburn.

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## Plan Remedies 'False Farewells'

The War Department has announced a plan to become effective on or about June 15, whereby an enlisted man procured through Selective Service will be granted 14 days delay

in reporting for active service. In addition to this delay, transportation and meals en route from the place where inducted to the locality of the local board which ordered him to re-

port for induction and subsequently to a designated reception center will be at the expense of the government.

There will be no change in the Selective Service procedure now in effect to arrival at the recruiting and induction station. At the recruiting and induction station, the registrant will be completely examined and, if found qualified, will be inducted immediately and transferred to the Enlisted Reserve Corps. If not qualified, he is rejected for military service. Accepted and rejected registrants will then be returned to their homes.

Fourteen days later the accepted registrants who have been on inactive status in the Enlisted Reserve Corps will be called to active service and will proceed as a unit from their local board to the designated reception center where they will be uniformed, classified and transferred to the replacement training centers or units.

This procedure is made effective to insure that a registrant, when called to active service, will be allowed sufficient time to conclude personal, financial and business affairs, and further to insure that no registrant will be compelled to resign his position or conclude such personal affairs until he has definite knowledge that he has been accepted by the Army.

The screening examination by local boards of the Selective Service will continue in order that those obviously unfit for military service will not be required to go to recruiting and induction stations for the complete examination. However, it should be definitely understood that the results of the screening examination are not final and accordingly, no definite commitments in regard to job or business affairs should be made by the registrant until he has been accepted for service at the recruiting and induction station.

## From Pvt. to Warrant Officer In 1 Day Is Pendleton Record

CAMP PENDLETON, Va.—Private on Wednesday, warrant officer on Thursday.

That, in a nutshell, is this training center's latest success story. Hero of the Horatio Alger tale is Frank Bratton, a lanky Texan

whose record includes two years overseas in the World War. When Armistice was signed, Bratton went back to civil life. But when war loomed again, Bratton signed up once more, in 1939.

Then, this winter, examination was held here for Warrant Officers. Bratton, because of years of work in stock and supply keeping, took the exam for Warrant Officer in Quartermaster Administration.

Months went by, Bratton was as-

signed to the Military Police here and stopped hundreds of cars a day at the camp's main gate as he waited for word of his examination. One day word did come. Bratton had been appointed warrant officer. So after stepping his last car one Wednesday, he took off his white pistol belt and leggings for the last time. Next day he sat behind a desk in the Camp Quartermaster Office.



**SHORTAGE** of privates in the Auburn, Me., company of the 43rd Division forced Topkick Raymond Simmons to ask for KP volunteers. Up stepped five rankers: Master Sgt. Clarence Swift, Staff Sgt. William Giles, Tech. Sgts. Adrian Levesque, Sherwood Parker and Ward Whittum. Asked afterward how they performed, Mess Sarge Armand Miville allowed as how "there might be others who could do worse but I doubt it." Luckily enough, he laughed as he said it.

—43rd Div. Photo-Szelka.

### Change in Name

All Army officers assigned to units for duty in morale, recreational and welfare activities hereafter will be designated as "special service officers" instead of as "recreation officers", their present designation, the War Department has announced.

### News

CAMP BLANDING, Fla.—Soldiers have grown accustomed to the good-natured exaggerations of a newsboy who shouts his wares through Camp Blanding every day. Still they streamed from their tents when they heard him yell: "It's all over! It's all over!"

The first few purchasers scanned the headlines, then one demanded: "What d'you mean it's all over?"

"The bloomin' war," replied the newsy. "It's all over the blank-blank world!"

### 44-Year-Old Veteran Trains for Fourth War

CAMP ROBERTS, Calif. — Pvt. Peter Reiter is once again training to participate in a war—his fourth this time. Although only 44 years old, Private Reiter, now an infantry trainee, served in the Austrian army from 1914 to 1918 in World War I; he fought with the Hungarian army against Rumania in 1919; and in 1937 and 1938 he was a member of the International Brigade for the Loyalists in the Spanish Civil War.

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# 27 Counties Banned For Army Health

For the first time in this war, the Army this week cracked down on prostitution. The War Department invoked the May Act in 27 counties surrounding Camp Forrest, near Tullahoma, Tenn. The order banned prostitution in an area of approximately 14,500 square miles.

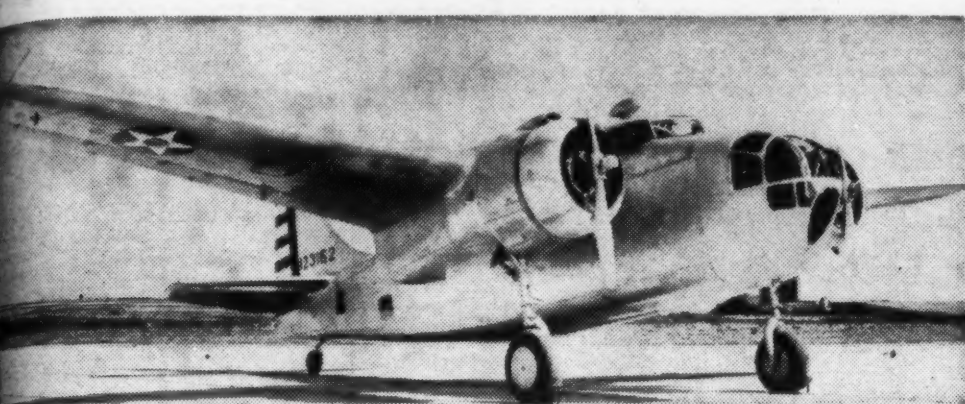
## The announcement:

"Pursuant to the act of Congress approved July 11, 1941 (Public Law 163-77th Cong.) the Secretary of War has determined that it is needful to the efficiency, health, and welfare of the Army to restrain and prevent commission of the offenses defined by said act, in an area within a reasonable distance of Camp Forrest, Tennessee, and hereby designates and describes said area as follows: That area that lies within the following counties of the State of Tennessee—Bedford, Bledsoe, Cannon, Cheatham, Coffee, Davidson, Dekalb, Dickson, Franklin, Giles, Grundy, Lincoln, Marion, Marshall,

Maury, Moore, Putnam, Robertson, Rutherford, Sequatchie, Smith, Sumner, Van Buren, Warren, White, Williamson, and Wilson."

This makes liable to a fine of \$1000 or a year in prison anyone who engages in prostitution or who aids or abets prostitution. Military personnel who transgress are subject to court martial.

In that area, it is now unlawful "to keep or set up a house of ill fame, brothel, or bawdy house, or to receive any person for purposes of lewdness, assignation, or prostitution into any vehicle, conveyance, place, structure or building, or to permit any person to remain for the purpose . . . or to lease, or rent, or contract any (place), knowing or good reason to know it is intended to be used" for the purpose.



BOEING has delivered to the Army its first training plane designed and equipped for integrated tactical training of pilots, co-pilots, bombardiers, navigators and gun crews. This is the AT-15—in reality a small bomber, complete to bomb racks, power-operated gun turret, and full radio and navigational installations. It is built largely of wood with some steel tubing used in the internal structure.

## Private Saw Japs Working for War

FORT WOOD, Mo.—Americans in the position of watching the Japanese gird for war over a period of years without realizing that the preparations were for an assault against the United States, according to 43-year-old Pvt. Hirman Matson of Company D, 28th Engineer Training Battalion, a mining engineer who lived in Japan for nine years prior to 1940. Matson recalled this week that as far back as 1937, when he was a mine superintendent on the island of Kuishu, Japanese families were faced with a food shortage deprived of many commodities because of a strict rationing program.

"We mine operators thought at the time that the Japanese were saving for the war in China, but I can see now that they had something much greater in mind," Matson said.

"There wasn't a great deal of talk against the United States then," he added, "but even the 'little fellows' in the mines bore hard feelings against the English. Germans became more and more in evidence. By 1940 the food shortage had become acute and even the well-to-do had trouble getting enough to eat.

There was a feeling of resentment against the United States as a result of the trade restrictions this country exercised in protest against the 'China incident'."

While the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor came as a surprise because of its abruptness, Matson said he had felt that it was only a matter of time before the two nations were at war.

Matson returned to the United States in 1940 as a prospector for a large American mining concern. When registration of men between the ages of 35 and 44 went into effect, he volunteered.

## Leavenworth Leavin's

By DON JONES

FT. LEAVENWORTH, Kan.—Members of the reception center military band were right when they predicted musical talent from Indian recruit inducted from Ogalala, S. D. but he didn't turn out to be a "long hair" type.

His name is Pvt. Guy Good Voice Flute, Jr. but he plays harmonica.

## NO DEFERMENT

Pvt. Harold Henry Bracken returned to the reception center from furlough this week and all communities in Nodaway County, Mo., breathed sighs of relief because while on furlough he had fulfilled his contract.

When the 22-year-old youth reported for induction two weeks ago he brought with him an affidavit signed by his employer telling of the inconvenience and loss to a large number of sheep raisers if he was not granted a furlough.

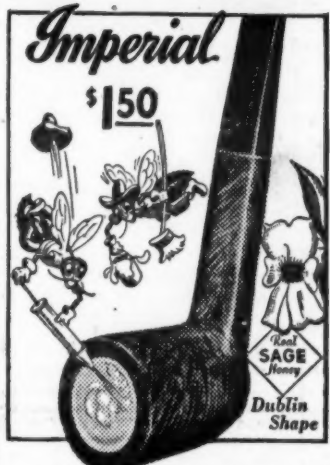
The furlough was granted. He returned after shearing 5000 sheep in Nodaway County.

## TEAM UNBROKEN

When Pvt. Jimmy Salp entered the service last January it did not break up the celebrated ballroom dance team of "Jimmy & Jean." His partner, Miss Jean Roberts, appears at the reception center weekly to join Private Salp in entertaining recruits on the stage of the little theater.

The team has many times had headline billing throughout the country and has appeared with orchestras of Vincent Sorley and Little Jack Little.

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## Air Exchange

FORT SAM HOUSTON, Tex.—Major Jack E. Darling of Co. 38th Inf., has an idea. Why not, he asks, have a week when the reverse process and their problems to the enlisted men?

## Wellston Tops Bond Sale

WELLSTON AIR DEPOT, Ga.—Robins Field and the Wellston Air Depot are leading all military posts in Georgia in the pay reservation for the purchase of war bonds, Cheatham, senior deputy war bond and stamp administrator.

Civilian and military personnel at Robins Field set the pace with "Benning second," Mr. Cheatham said. "Other military posts are behind the two leaders."

Cheatham made the report to E. E. Thomas, Jr., commanding officer of Robins Field and Wellston Depot.

While in Colonel Thomas' office Cheatham also commended Capt. W. Teeple, war bond officer at Robins, for the manner in which he conducted the war bond and stamp campaign at Robins Field.

Captain Teeple said that four departments—signal, public relations, engineering—had subscribed one hundred per cent to the reservation plan. He explained that these four departments will be the first to be sent to the United States Army Department.

## Bothwell and Czerepak Repeat Snickers in 2nd Croft Book

CAMP CROFT, S. C.—"Cartoonists who call barracks home and live in barracks bags and footlockers are bound to get a realistic slant on military; much more so than our city slicker cousins who draw kaypees wearing neckties but who never met a mess sergeant face-to-face," Pvt. Richard Bothwell and Peter Paul Czerepak point out in a modest foreword to their second Camp Croft cartoon book "Jeep."

The 40-page comic book, some of it in three colors, has captured the spirit of "things military."

Bothwell works in pen and ink, Czerepak in pencil and wash. Both work on your sense of humor, as skyrockets sales at the Camp Croft Post Exchange attest. Goldbrickers, military secrets and Esquiritish Colonels with drooping walrus mustaches and blonde admirers all come to life in "Jeep."

Private Bothwell, whose artwork has appeared in Army Times recently, was editorial cartoonist for the St. Petersburg, Fla. Times, where by his own admission he did as much goldbricking as possible.

Private Peter Paul Czerepak, whose central cartoon characters are perhaps not coincidentally named 'Peter and 'Paul,' did free lance work from his home in Haverhill, Mass., prior to induction. He is said to seek out for personal conquest the same type of beautiful damsel his pencil limns.

Both artists top off the forward to "Jeep" with self portraits, wherein Private Bothwell grins wider than a chessie cat and Private Czerepak's ears are loving cup handles.

## Sally Rand's Hubby Enlists

FORT RILEY, Kans.—The world's greatest bronco buster, Thurkel "Turk" Greenough, is now being turned into a cavalryman as a private at Fort Riley's replacement center.

Pvt. Greenough, husband of the former Sally Rand of fan dance fame, has won the bronc riding championship six times since 1928 and so should feel right at home in a saddle here.

"Turk" has other major titles to his credit including three triumphs at the Cheyenne Frontier Days show, a first and three seconds in the Pendleton, Ore., event.

Prior to induction Private Greenough was appearing in a horse act in Miss Rand's show. He was first assigned to Fort Lewis, Wash., then sent to the cavalry replacement training center here.

Mr. and Mrs. Greenough have as residence a 750-acre ranch outside of Red Lodge, Mont. "Turk" said that Sally knew all about Army life for her father, Col. William F. Beck, retired and living in Elkton, Mo., is a veteran of three wars.

## 43rd Division Baritone Is Ex-Singing Waiter

WITH THE 43RD DIV.—Formerly a soloist in Iowa's famous "Little Brown Church in the Vale" and later a singing waiter in Clifton's, Los Angeles, largest cafeteria in the world, Pvt. Robert Morris now sings with the Maine Infantry Regimental dance band in New England's 43rd Div.

Private Morris, who was recently transferred into the Maine Infantry, is on special duty with the band as a baritone player. His rich baritone voice was discovered by Sgt. George Martin, director of the regimental dance band.



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## How Does It Look for Hitler?

American journalists freed by the Nazis in an exchange of prisoners have brought back the news that German leaders, including Hitler, believe the war will be won or lost this summer.

That does not mean a cessation of hostilities, but simply that a showdown is near and that the tide will definitely turn against Germany unless her all-out campaigns succeed within the next few months.

To meet this crisis, 210 of Germany's 300 divisions are massed to crush Russia and from 180 to 300 submarines are out to slash at Allied shipping in the Atlantic.

But despite these formidable figures, the Nazis are not in as strong a position as they could wish. Their manpower reserve is almost used up, with 12 million men in all the fighting services.

Though numbers cannot be estimated, Germany has suffered very high casualties. At the height of the battles in Russia (which were resumed this week), the Nazis lost between 12,000 and 20,000 daily. Total killed up to mid-winter has been put at anywhere between 250,000 and 750,000.

The Germans have plenty of guns and ammunition but their warplane production is slipping: monthly output varies between 1,100 and 2,500 planes. Their air force probably has about 35,000 planes, but they're no match for the newer Allied types.

To garrison occupied countries, the Nazis have to keep about 40 divisions on the spot. There are about 20 in France, five in Norway, 12 in the Low Countries, two in Denmark and three in Yugoslavia, according to these reports.

The picture, as competent military observers see it, is this:

If Russia can hold this summer's onslaught and retain enough strength to hit back, the Germans will reach the end of their rope.

It is admitted by the German general staff that if they cannot grab the Caucasus and seize control of the Mediterranean to bring oil and wheat to hungry Europe, a long drawn-out war cannot be fought. The chief shortages suffered by the Germans are not arms and ammunition, but foodstuffs and some metals needed for hardening steels in the manufacture of airplane motors.

Allied production is Hitler's chief personal concern. When he started out, he evidently hoped to win the war with his original types of planes. The necessity now of building a number of new bomber and fighter types to match Allied planes has slowed down German production considerably.

He has given no indication as yet of recognizing the knife held poised in North Ireland. He probably will soon.

## No Red, White and Blue Cellophane

Strange to tell, a civilian writing about the Army made sense to us this week. He is William Huie, an associate editor of the *American Mercury*. In an article in that magazine titled 'The New Army Hates Parades,' he had this to say:

"You need to understand this new American Army on which so much depends. There are some things about it you won't like; but there's an honesty about it you will like. You need to know what the fellows think and why they react as they do. They are different from any other fighting force in the world, and they are different from any other force which has ever done battle for America."

"The new American soldier is a chap who prefers to think rather than to feel. He distrusts emotionalism, regards it as 'blind,' and he resents appeals to his emotions. His education—and he is by far the best educated soldier in the world—has been directed toward teaching him to think for himself, to control his emotions, and to guide himself by reason. He has all the strengths and weaknesses of the thinking man. . . .

"Hitler and Hirohito can preach that war is a noble process and that the 'warrior life' is the zenith of a man's ambitions, but the American soldier will have none of it. He'll take his war raw, if you please, without red-white-and-blue cellophane wrapping. . . .

"The new American Army doesn't want slogans; it wants weapons. It doesn't want the folks back home to work themselves into a patriotic lather; it wants the folks back home to work like hell at a lathe. It wants to get on with the war, and to hell with the speeches."

## Press Splits on Organization for This War's Vets

INDIANAPOLIS—The nation's press is not in agreement on the question of whether the American Legion should open its ranks to the veterans of the present war.

Some editors are strong for the proposal, contending that it would perpetuate the work of the Legion. Others are against it, declaring that in effect it would be a marriage of December and May.

Among the newspapers favoring the proposal is the *Peoria, Ill., Star* which advanced the following argument:

"What better opportunity to perpetuate the sterling Legion ideals than inclusion of the new crop of American soldiery? Freedom is not the exclusive right of any generation. It is merely loaned us for the privilege of passing it on to posterity as a noble gift and demanding obligation."

In the same vein the *Danville, Ill., Commercial-News* asserted:

"We are glad to see this movement to perpetuate its (the Legion's) name and work. The revision of the charter might even go further and include the veterans of all future wars of the United States, although, perhaps, we should be optimistic and not concede the possibility of more wars after this one."

The *Terre Haute, Ind., Tribune* voiced the view that:

"It would seem that the added strength which the new members would bring would offset any arguments prejudiced against sharing the gains of the Legion with those now giving to their country's service."

The *Bristol, Conn., Press* took the position that:

"Perhaps these new vets will prefer an organization of their own—or none at all. But one veterans' organization is enough."

The veterans of 1917 have not strengthened themselves by splitting into two camps—The American Legion and the VFW."

Not Up to Legion

Declaring the decision whether the new veterans will care to join the Legion was not in the Legion's hands, the *Huntington, Ind., Herald-Press* said:

"The chances are that these later veterans will decide for themselves and will have their own organization. They will have problems of their own to settle in their own way without supervision from the generations ahead. . . .

"The Legion can open its ranks, but the prospective recruits most likely will be rallying around their own banners."

The same opinion was echoed by the *Charlottesville, Va., Progress*:

"The warriors of today are very likely to want their own

organization and there should be no impediments."

The *Springfield, Mass., News* added:

"While it may be argued that plenty of men serving now are World War veterans and what the present conflict is really a continuation of a war which did not bring a lasting peace, it is pretty likely that millions of men in uniform today will cotton to the idea of giving birth to a new brotherhood of army comrades."

**Legion Should Move Slowly**  
The American Legion should move slowly in reaching a decision on the issue of admitting the new veterans to its membership, the *Waterbury, American* pointed out:

"Possibly it might be a wise move for all concerned on the Legion's side of the question to

put off positive action pending some fairly definite indication of how the majority of individuals on the side of the coming new veterans may feel about it. They and the World War veterans now enrolled in The American Legion are going to have some general interests in common; but, inevitably, they are likewise going to have some that will conflict."

The *Monroe, Mich., News* pressed the same belief:

"Many men undoubtedly will have service records in both wars, and would naturally be attracted to Legion membership. But whether the young men now fighting will find congenial companionship and identical aims in Legion membership is another question. We suggest that the Legion might leave the decision to the active participants in this war."



—Carl Rose in PM

## Your Enemy's Weapons Gas Clouds Are Out of Date

If and when the Germans decide to start using gas openly in this war, it will not be the gas attack familiar to all movie-goers, but it will be gas shot in shells from cannon. The French used it first in February, 1916 and the Germans retaliated with it three months later.

To a chemist it is known as diphosgene or as trichloromethyl-chloroformate. It has a high chlorine content than ordinary phosgene.

The Russians joined the battle of the gas shells in August, 1916, using chloropicrin, made by chlorinating picric acid, which then was much used as a high explosive before it was replaced by TNT. The Russian "gas"—like diphosgene it actually was a liquid, which was atomized by the explosion of the bursting charge in the shell—was not a substance new to chemists. It had been made for the first time by the British chemist Stenhouse in 1845.

Since the substance was well known, neither the Allies nor the Germans had any trouble in adopting it quickly for their own use; the Germans merely added another military trade name to their list in calling it Klop. All these gas shells were made to fit the standard field guns. But meanwhile the British took the obvious step and began to develop specialized guns for firing, or better, for throwing special gas shells. First of them was the Livins Projector, which fired a 100-pound container (holding 30 pounds of phosgene) to maximum distance of 1,800 yards. The second was the Stokes mortar, which fired smaller gas bombs, but with greater accuracy.

The advantages of gas shooting are obvious. A cloud attack, as the original method of releasing the gas from cylinders came to be called, is entirely dependent upon the weather. The wind not only has to blow in the right direction, it also must not be too strong (lest it dissipate the gas) nor too weak, since a gas cloud approaching too slowly would give too long a notice. And even with a "good" wind the gas is thinned out for every yard of its advance.

The most disadvantageous factor is, however, that the whole plan of attack cannot be timed by day and hour, but has to be based upon an "if." Gas shooting eliminates most of the guesswork. No gas is dissipated while en route, and little of it, if any, hampers the attacking troops. To distinguish gas shells from ordinary high-explosive shell and from shrapnel, the need for a marking arose. Here the Germans evolved a system that was copied by most other nations (but not by the U. S. A. and Great Britain) and which has given a name to the whole group of war gases. They painted a green cross on the shell and referred to gas ammunition as "green cross ammunition."

Since chlorine, phosgene, diphosgene and chloro-picric are all similar to each other, chemically as well as in their actions, the whole group has received the name of Green Cross gases. Technically they are known as the suffocants, since the action virtually is confined to the lungs of the victim.

## LETTERS

### West Coast Colucci

I read with interest an article that appeared in *Army Times* of Oct. 11, 1941, regarding the hospitality of Joe Colucci to Army men in and around New York. It concerns the practice of Mr. Colucci, a New York City restaurant owner, giving free meals to Army men in his place of business.

I would like to point out a similar practice out here in California which I, as well as many men of my battalion, have been fortunate enough to enjoy and I know it is not only my wish but the wish of the others to have *Army Times* give credit in this instance as in the case of Mr. Colucci.

A very popular Hollywood restaurant, the Bit of Sweden, for some 15 weeks now has been dining 12 of us each Sunday night and in addition to serving us a double-decker dinner of smorgasbord and entree, has also provided movie star hosts and hostesses for us. Whenever possible the stars have entertained us after dinner.

The owner and manager of the Bit of Sweden is Mr. Kenneth Hansen,

who is also very active in first aid work out here and who is also the air raid warden for his district.

The stars who have been very gracious with their time and talent include Judy Canova, Stuart Erwin, Shirley Ross, Broderick Crawford, Rufe Davis, Carol Hughes, Matt Thompson, Matt Dennis, Jan Withers, Milton Berle, Sally Payne, Ann Jeffries, Fay McKenzie, Frank Langford.

There are several hundred of us from New York, Georgia and elsewhere who have enjoyed ourselves at these weekly Bit of Sweden affairs. We would appreciate a salute to the Bit of Sweden and these movie stars.

Pfc. Edward J. Gower,  
Los Angeles.

### More War Names

I am doing my best to find a name for this war: The Undeclared War, The Yanks' War, War II, The American War, The Undeclared World War.

Pvt. Lucien Foulis,  
Hawaii

This war may be called The Slave War—that is what Germany is fighting for. But we are fighting for peace and freedom, and it should be called The War of Freedom.

Pfc. Vincent DeCade,  
Corozal, C. Z.



## FOR A SONG

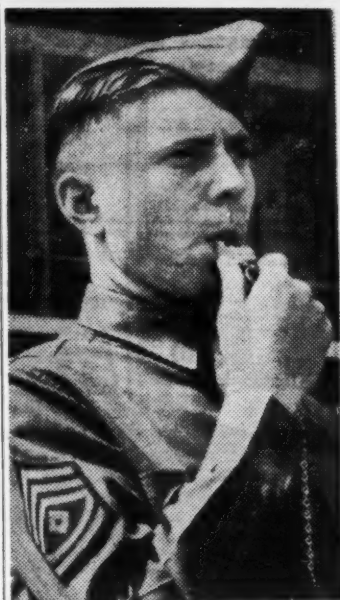
## Berlin Hires Churchill

CAMP, N. Y.—Pvt. Stuart Churchill, featured with Fred Warlock's orchestra prior to his Army induction and who has been singing songs he helped to make famous for enthusiastic soldier audiences here, is the new Irving Berlin Army show, "This Is the Army."

Private Churchill is one of many professionals now in the ranks who are being "recruited" from various professions and stations to play in the show.

At Camp Upton, N. Y., where Irving Berlin served the colors in the last war as a sergeant, he is spending time away from his business to do another "Yip Yip Yank" in modern style.

"This Is the Army" will play on Broadway for the benefit of the Emergency Relief Fund. During this show, Berlin will don his uniform again and do his "Oh I Hate to Get Up in the Morning" number which he made famous in the show more than two decades ago. Private Churchill will sing one of the new Irving Berlin hits now being turned out at Camp Upton, Long Island.



IT TOOK 1st Sgt. Louis H. Hoehn only 10 months and 10 days to become topkick of Co. B, 10th Bn., at the AFRTC, Fort Knox, Ky. He was inducted June 20, 1941.

—Signal Corps Photo.

## Desert Fighters Curb Thirsts

CAMP YOUNG, Calif.—In this huge desert region of Southern California, armored and other units from all parts of the country have gathered to undergo a period of intensive training in the methods of desert warfare.

Administered by the 1st Armored Corps, under Maj. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., the Army's new Desert Training Center, about 26 miles from Indio, Calif., has been operating for a month in a temporary tent camp from which units are now moving to a more permanent cantonment.

But the job of training for operations on desert fronts has not waited for the new post to be completed. Almost as soon as they arrived at the center, units began working on field problems and already nearly every man in the camp has spent at least one night on the desert.

Not intended to be a training base for green troops, the Desert Training Center is rather a post-graduate school for integrating already seasoned units and for working out some of the special problems of desert operations. Chief of these is the scarcity of water, and to accustom men to conditions they may face some day, field rations include only one gallon of water per day per man, for all purposes. Other desert conditions that must be dealt with are the difficulty of maintaining peak effi-

ciency of both men and machines despite punishing heat and dust, and the danger of units getting lost in regions devoid of outstanding landmarks.

A vast area of public land is available for maneuvers, the only suitable place in the country where extensive operations can be staged without artificial restraints of roads or property.

As the troops began arriving at the center, they found only a desolate valley, its sandy hillsides covered with a sparse growth of cactus and desert shrubs. But now, hardly a month later, they are moving into a post where a rapid construction program has created wooden administration buildings for both Corps headquarters and individual units; wood floors and frames for the tents which will house both officers and enlisted men; bath houses, recreation halls, post exchanges, a hospital and two movie theaters; a landing strip

for liaison planes; and a water system drawing its supply from the famed Boulder Dam-Los Angeles aqueduct.

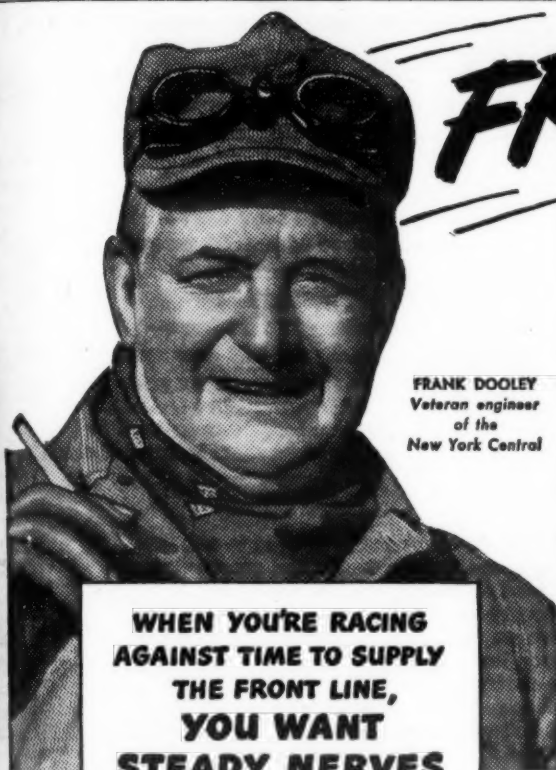
The speed of the construction program has been made possible by the use of pre-fabricated wood sections for all buildings. Bolting together of the ready built sections produces a completed building in the minimum of time, and in addition makes possible quick dismantling of the structures whenever necessary.

## 10 Per Cent USO Homes Devoted to Negroes

Sixty-one of the 662 USO operations in continental United States are for Negro troops, Ray Johns, director of field operations, announced. Thirteen additional units operated independently by USO's component units raise the total number of off-post Negro centers to seventy-four.

Representing approximately one-tenth of USO's operational total these Negro clubs, Mr. Johns pointed out, substantiate the organization's policy of providing identical service for both the white and the Negro races. According to a statement March 27 by Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, approximately one-tenth of all service men are Negroes.

## FRONT LINE FREIGHT

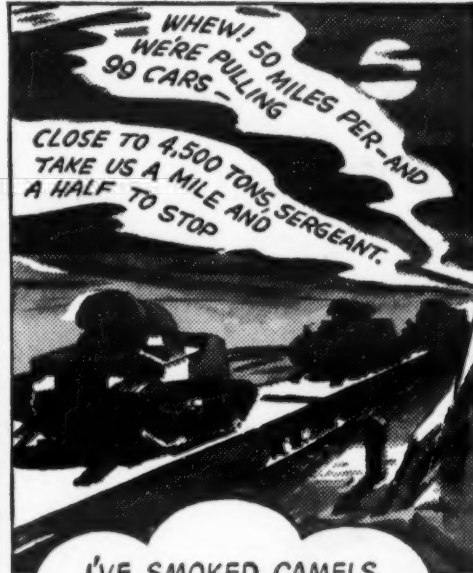


FRANK DOOLEY  
Veteran engineer  
of the  
New York Central

WHEN YOU'RE RACING  
AGAINST TIME TO SUPPLY  
THE FRONT LINE,  
YOU WANT  
STEADY NERVES

FROM WASHINGTON,  
MR. DOOLEY—THEY  
WANT THESE  
TANKS THROUGH  
TONIGHT FOR THAT  
CONVOY

TELL 'EM  
WE'LL BE THERE!  
COME ON, SERGEANT—  
YOU'RE GOING TO  
RIDE A FRONT LINE  
FREIGHT



WHEW! 50 MILES PER—AND  
WE'RE PULLING  
99 CARS—  
CLOSE TO 4,500 TONS SERGEANT—  
TAKE US A MILE AND  
A HALF TO STOP

I'VE SMOKED CAMELS  
EVER SINCE THERE WERE  
ANY CAMELS. THEY'RE Milder  
AND THEIR FULL, RICH FLAVOR  
NEVER WEARS OUT  
ITS WELCOME

CAPTAIN, THIS IS ENGINEER  
DOOLEY—HE JAMMED  
THE TANKS THROUGH

WISH I COULD  
HELP YOU CARRY 'EM  
THE REST OF THE WAY,  
CAPTAIN. HAVE A  
CAMEL

I'LL HAVE  
A CAMEL  
ANY TIME.  
THEY'RE FIRST  
ON THE SEA

WE'RE IN,  
SERGEANT. YOU  
CAN OPEN UP  
THAT PACK  
OF CAMELS  
NOW

THAT'S  
WHAT I CALL  
THE OLD ARMY  
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SALES RECORDS IN  
POST EXCHANGES  
AND CANTEENS.)



CAPTAIN H. N. SADLER  
Captain of S. S.  
(name of ship censored)  
of Moore-McCormack Lines



# At Least Two in Every Camp...

—by Pvt. I. R. Milgrom, Troop C, 106th Cavalry, Camp Livingston, La.

Scene: The canteen.

Pvt. Vale is sitting at the table with six beer bottles before him. Sad, dejected looking, he is drinking heavily. Pvt. Arny comes along. He sits besides Vale, and drinks apple juice.

ARNY: Hello, Vale.

VALE: (Indifferently) Hello.

ARNY: You seem unhappy. Anything wrong?

VALE: I'm disgusted. What's the use...

ARNY: What's the matter? What happened to make you feel like this?

VALE: Three weeks now that I haven't got a letter from my girl... three weeks! (he empties another bottle). Here, Arny—take a bottle of beer.

ARNY: No, thanks. I don't drink beer. Apple juice is good enough for me.

VALE: Okay. (bitterly). Every day at mail call I wait for her letter... her letter that never comes. I always think that this is the day it'll come. But—but it doesn't come...

ARNY: Don't worry too much about it, Vale. There are lots of fish in the ocean.

VALE: Do you think she's going out with some other guy, maybe? A guy who is around to take her out and show her a good time? Yeah—maybe she found somebody else! Huh?...

ARNY: I'll play some music. It'll cheer you up. (Arny puts a nickel in the juke box. Then joins Vale again: as he sits down he realizes the mistake he made. The song coming out of the juke box is "Somebody Else is Taking My Place." Vale looks at Arny more depressed than ever. He takes a couple of more slugs out of the bottle.)

VALE: (moaning) Three weeks... and no letter.

ARNY: Gee, Vale, there is no sense in you going

to hell with yourself on account of a woman.

VALE: I got no ambition to do anything any more. She's always on my mind. I can't forget her.

ARNY: Don't let it get you down, pal. You're taking it too serious. That's the trouble with most of us, we take life too serious. A good sense of humor would save us many a heartache.

VALE: You're quite a philosopher, aren't you?

ARNY: (solemnly) This philosophy has saved me many a grievous moment.

VALE: (heartbroken) Okay, pal—(and he throws his arm around Arny, who is grinning complacently).

Scene: The canteen, one week later. This time it is Arny who is sitting at the table with about ten beer bottles before him. Full of despair, he has been drinking heavily, and looks it. Vale comes along; he sees Arny and joins him at the table. Vale is the picture of happiness.

VALE: Hello, Arny! Say, my girl did write to me after all! The letter was mailed to the wrong outfit. (tenderly) She says she misses me...

ARNY: (Indifferently) That's good.

VALE: Say, I thought you didn't drink beer. Are they out of apple juice?

ARNY: (empties another bottle) The world has darkened in my eyes... life is empty now...

VALE: Geez, what's the matter, Arny?

ARNY: Something has happened that has left my spirit broken.

VALE: (gravely) What happened?

ARNY: I haven't heard from my girl in five days... five days (and he goes to work on another bottle).

Curtain

THANKS TO—  
PFC FRANCIS MACGURE  
CORPS OF MILITARY  
POLICE  
CAMP CROFT S.C.



"Good morning, girls, are you busy with your daily household chores?"

## Two Shakespearean Sonnets

—By Pvt. Francesco Bivona, Co. C, 3rd MT Bn., Camp Lee, Va.

### You Never Say

You never say, dear, "Love is everything"  
For fear that greedy lust will spoil it all,  
But you would rather have me withering  
Like vine upon a sunless, cottage wall.  
You disbelieve I know what Love can be.  
You say, "I am ashamed of you. Please go,"  
And lead me to the door, excitedly,  
As if I were a proven, godless foe!  
And hurt and so bewildered I take leave—  
A chastened soul before your cold gray eyes,  
With knowledge of the fact you can not grieve  
Because you think that love must live on lies.  
Yet when the stars look down on me I feel  
Your eyes are blazoned there in rays of steel!

### Sonnet

If I, in showing what is blurred to me,  
Encourage further doubts and questioning,  
It need not signify what it should be  
I could have meant, nor let your reasoning  
Give way to thoughts, unflattering and dull,  
Since, know at once, it was not my intent  
To clarify or else make beautiful  
A line to live on beauty's own extent:  
While you who are my friend or enemy  
Forget I want it so, not otherwise,  
And take a chance with unreality  
Which may contain some truths in sheer disguise  
To blaze the glory of the undefined  
And free this sonnet, consciously designed!

## Complaint

Sing us a song of pain and penance—  
Army nurses are all lieutenants,  
Whether they're blondes, brunettes, or titians—  
The heck of it is: They have commissions.  
And privates, creatures of low degree  
Can dream, but never can hope to be  
More to the nurses who win their hearts  
Than pulses, temperatures, and charts.

—Private J. W. Keys, 13th CA, Fort Barrancas, Fla.

muttered the hen as the farmer  
crossed the barnyard.

### PURE ACCIDENT

An amoeba named Joe and his  
brother  
Were out drinking toasts to each  
other.

In the midst of their quaffing,  
They split their sides laughing,  
And found that each one was a

mother!

"What kind of pie is this?"  
"What's it taste like?"  
"Glue."  
"Then it's apple. The pie  
kin tastes like soap."

### THREE TYPES OF WOMEN

1. The beautiful.
2. The intellectual.
3. The majority.

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"A beautiful night and not a movie within miles—shall we call it a day?"

## My Girl

There's a cute little red head  
Who lives on our street  
With eyes that are starry  
And lips that are sweet;  
With a smile so vivacious  
It gives you a lift,  
And bearing so gracious  
Your heart does a flip.

Her hair glows like fire,  
Her figure is trim,  
And despite her sweet manner  
She has plenty of vim.  
A sprinkle of freckles  
Adorn her smooth skin  
And a cute little dimple  
Is tucked in her chin.

Her voice is delightful,  
As clear as a bell.  
Her clothes are perfection;  
They do her up swell.  
She's a marvelous dancer,  
And swims like a fish.  
She can fix up a meal  
That is simply delish'.

And when she is near me  
I'm all in a whirl.  
There's no one quite like her;  
You see—she's my girl.  
—Sgt. John Eder, Jr.  
HQ Btry., Fort Bragg, N. C.

### SUGGESTION

We admit some rookies are a little  
slow at sounding off on roll call, but  
the sergeants could be a little more  
careful of their diction. There must  
be two million men in this Army  
named Bumble.

"Must I eat eggs, Sarge?"  
"Yer dern tootin'!"  
"The beak too?"

### LESSON

Trooper: "Know how to keep your  
horse from drooling?"  
Trooper (just beginning): "No,  
sir."

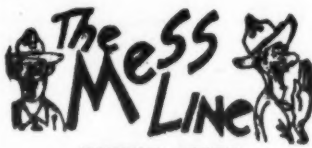
Trooper: "Teach 'im to spit."

## Civilian Workers Give Lee \$1300

CAMP LEE, Va.—In an open letter of thanks to the 2,000 laborers who recently gave the Quartermaster School \$1,300 with which to furnish additions to the Enlisted Men's Service Club, Col. H. L. Whittaker, commandant, declared that the "patriotism of the common people of this country has never failed in time of stress."

A steam table and other equipment, as well as a set of chimes for a chapel now under construction and an expensive Bible were donated.

Not content with the one donation, the men who are building the barracks and classrooms are planning on furnishing dayrooms for various units.



### UNTRUE STORY

The sentry challenged the uniformed figure as it entered the camp.

"Major Jones," was the reply.  
"Sorry, sir," said the sentry,  
"I can't let you proceed without a password."

"Drat it, man, I've forgotten it," snapped the major, "but you know me well enough."

"Can't help that, sir," persisted the easnest guardian, "must have the password."

"Don't stand there arguing all night, Bill," came a voice from the guard tent. "Shoot 'im."

"Guess how long I been in the Army."

"Six years?"

"No."

"Eight years?"

"Nope."

"Seven?"

"No, try five."

"Five?"

"No."

### DEFINITION

A tomahawk is what if you go to sleep and wake suddenly without hair, there's an Indian with.

### WE SHOULD LIVE SO LONG TO HAVE IT HAPPEN HERE

DRILL SERGEANT: "Aw, gee, fellas, don't do it like that. Do it this way."

GIRL: "Silly. I wouldn't think of letting you pay the bill on your salary."

MESS SARGE: Hey, Kaypee, it's been a long morning. You look tired. Go on over to your bunk and catch a nap."

FOOD SERVER: "I'm sorry I spilled that spoonful of gravy on your uniform. Let me take it to the cleaner."

PX WAITRESS: "Have you been waited on?"

—Sgt. William Rooney in Jeff. Bks. Hub.

"That's the guy I'm laying for."

... AN' THE MORAL IS:

## Don't Make an Asp Outta Yourself!

Now this is the story of Egbert the Asp  
Who resided in far-off Samoa,  
And whose driving ambition was someday to have  
The proportions of Bulford the Boa.

Soon all other asps in the aspic domain  
Grew alarmed at the bellow and bluster  
Of chest-beating Egbert who'd his singly claim  
The great size he intended to muster.

More jealous of Buford grew Egbert each day  
And he plotted and spied on him keenly,  
While Buford sat back in his boa-like way  
And beheld the proceedings serenely.

When Egbert's harsh methods began to prevail  
He proclaimed Buford gross and barbarian,  
And he taught other asps to bite each others' tails

Just to prove they were totalitarian.

So Egbert grew fat as he slowly became  
The most feared among asps in Samoa  
Who would bite one another and proudly proclaim  
Egbert (almost) as big as a boa.

But more than our Egbert could possibly bear  
Was having the boa ignore him;  
So he sneaked up and bit brother Buford's derriere  
While Buford was staring before him.

### L'Envoi

Now poor Egbert's ghost spends his time far beyond,  
An old Eastern adage bemusing,  
And mumbling, "So sorry! Became overfond  
Of biting off more than is chewing."

—In Thunderbird, Fort Rucker, Ala.



# Uncle's Right Proud



A grateful government this week bestowed honors on the following members of the Army:

## Distinguished Flying Cross:

- Captain James W. Chapman, Jr., Air Corps.
- First Lieutenant Richard T. Kight, Air Corps.
- First Lieutenant Theodore J. Boselli, Air Corps.
- Second Lieutenant Charles T. Allen, Air Corps.
- Master Sergeant Adolph Cattarius, Air Corps.
- Master Sergeant Joseph G. Moran, Air Corps.
- Master Sergeant Horace T. Peck, Air Corps.
- Master Sergeant James E. Sands, Air Corps.
- Technical Sergeant James M. Cooper, Air Corps.
- Sergeant Richard J. Barrett, Jr., Air Corps.

## The Soldier's Medal:

### First Lieutenant James J. Gillespie

He rescued from drowning a soldier who had been seized by enemy while swimming near De Ridder, La. Lieutenant Gillespie is stationed at Camp Claiborne, La.

### Private Murray N. Goldstein

A taxicab crashed into a pole supporting high tension wires. The driver grasped one of the wires and was knocked unconscious to the ground. Private Goldstein, using his overshoe as an insulator, rescued the man, applied artificial respiration, and brought him back to consciousness. He is stationed at Camp Edwards, Mass.

### Private Arthur G. Laird

A man caught in the strong current of a river near Mott, La., called for help. Hearing him, Private Laird plunged into the water and succeeded in bringing him to shore. Private Laird is at Camp Mott, Miss.

### Technical Sergeant Murl C. Northcutt

A member of his party became exhausted while crossing Cane Lake, although not an expert swimmer, Sergeant Northcutt went to the man's assistance and brought him to shore. The sergeant is now stationed at Fort Ord, Calif.

### Private Gordon Harrison

While an enlisted man was working below the floor of the gunner's compartment in a plane, a burst of flame occurred, surrounding him and his clothes and hands. Private Harrison grabbed the man and pulled him through the door clear of the plane, thereby saving his life. Private Harrison is stationed at Lowry Field, Colo.



WHAT LOOKS like something out of King Arthur is really bayonet fencing, a rough, tough sport. It's part of the hardening process in the 60th Battalion, Camp Wolters, Tex. The dummy rifles approximate the weight and balance of the Springfield, with bayonet. Gauntlets and padding enable the men to gain fighting experience with an opponent who can hit back.

## Colored MP's Police Ft. Eustis

FORT EUSTIS, Va.—The first colored Military Police Detachment formed in this section is now functioning smoothly at this post. The group was organized with a complement of 20 men selected from the Quartermaster Detachment. These men were then given a 30-day period of Military Police training and instruction before they were placed on regular duty. Since following this course and being given regular assignment, they have continued receiving instruction during off duty hours. Their job now is to police the area in Newport News which is frequented by colored troops.

Other work they do is handling incoming guard duty, traffic control in areas where the colored troops are stationed, and such special assignments as undercover investigation in Newport News.

# This Ski Troop Stuff Is 24 Years Old

FORT SILL, Okla.—(Special)—"Ski troops? Well, they're not as new as some people think they are."

Lt. Col. W. O. Axtell, Fort Sill utilities officer, gazed reminiscently out of his office window for a moment. "We used them," he said—"Twenty-four years ago. In northern Russia, in the same area the Russians are now defending against the Finns and Germans."

There are probably few men in the Army to whom reports of the Russo-German conflict this winter have been so vivid as to

Colonel Axtell. As a captain in the Corps of Engineers, he was an active member of one of the most hazardous and strenuous expeditions ever undertaken by U. S. armed forces—the American Expeditionary Force to Northern Russia.

The little known AEFNR began in 1918, as part of an allied effort to resist German violation of her armistice with Russia. British, French, Italian, Serbian and Japanese troops, as well as Americans were sent in answer to the plea of the Bolshevik government for aid and in order to maintain a "second front" against the Kaiser's forces.

By the time they got there, how-

ever, the Bolshevik government had shifted its policy, and had not only confiscated large stores of their war supplies, but had launched a violent offensive against the Allies.

Colonel Axtell, who was graduated from the first officers' candidate school opened to enlisted men during World War I, went to England as an officer of the 310th Engineers. They had expected to fight in France, but in August, 1918, were sent up through the North Sea to the Russian port of Archangel, which lies just below the Arctic Circle. In this region they fought all winter long, in spite of the fact that the war was officially over, battling the Bolshevik

forces along a 300-mile front in temperatures as low as 65 below zero.

"It was mostly guerilla warfare," the Colonel recalls, "and it was fought under tough conditions. There was no such thing as replacements, either in men or supplies, and casualties were heavy."

"Every outfit had to take turn at everything. We operated as engineers, infantry, and supply troops; and when we could get hold of an extra French 75 we fought as artillery."

"We had a platoon of skiers, dressed in white camouflage uniforms, who were sent in to blow up enemy positions; and we even had some airplanes equipped with skis for landing in deep snow."

The campaign lasted until the summer of 1919, when the overwhelming odds forced the Allied troops to withdraw. Colonel Axtell refuses to say that he was wounded, although he admits that he was "nicked," and that he subsequently received two military decorations.

## He Flies Planes He Helped to Improve

FOSTER FIELD, Tex.—A 26-year-old aviation cadet, who invented a turnbuckle wrench that has speeded production of planes for a leading aircraft concern, is learning to fight with the ships that come off the assembly line in larger numbers due to his brainchild.

Leonard H. Gutterson is a member of Class 42-F at Foster and daily takes his advanced aerial gunnery and tactical piloting lessons in ships that are manufactured by the concern to which he sold the wrench. It is estimated the invention saves the company \$75,000 yearly, in addition to speeding production.

## Red Ears?

CHANUTE FIELD, Ill.—Five Chanute Field privates have their barracks chief right "in the middle" when it comes to "talking over his head."

When they want to keep the chief out of the conversation they talk in Polish which they use fluently. The five are Pvs. Bruno Mastalish, Joseph Studzinski, Philip Wojciechowski, Stanley Chumielwski and John Vitercik.

## MacDill Uses Shuttle Bus

MACDILL FIELD, Fla.—In an effort to further conserve the nation's critical rubber and gasoline supply, Col. Harry H. Young, base commander at MacDill Field, inaugurated this week an open-air shuttle bus service between the heavily traveled sections of the field.

The service will eliminate the "single passenger hauls" between the officers' club, base headquarters, the post exchange and the hangar area. The open air bus, a small four-engined "jeep" and a three-wheel trailer, makes continuous runs from 7 a.m. to midnight.

The idea of a shuttle bus service originated with Colonel Young. "Frequently I have seen government vehicles pass my office with only one passenger," he said. "I believe the new service will eliminate most of the short hauls around the base and at the same time save tires and gasoline."

Officers, enlisted men and civilian employees are all privileged to make use of the new service.

## Keeter-Boat Hero and Private Pals

SIGN George Cox, who killed Lt. Bulke, torpedoed a Japanese submarine. Cox is no strong-armed man, but Pvt. Albert Keeter, 134th Infantry Regt., at Ft. Sill, Okla. The two were buddies in the American Ambulance in France. Cox shows Keeter a Croix de Guerre from a general. Cox is on Hoch-





## Camp Grant Fetes Petite May Queen

CAMP GRANT, Ill.—Nineteen-year-old Jane Ann Bates, a petite and pretty freshman at Mundelein College in Chicago, who was selected May Queen of Camp Grant, visited the military post Thursday as guest of honor.

It was Pfc. Vince Garrity, ex-batboy of the Chicago Cubs and good luck mascot of the team in its stretch drive to a National League pennant in 1938, who submitted her photo to a contest sponsored by the Camp Grant Sentinel, weekly newspaper published for officers and enlisted men of the post.

Always a big-leaguer, Vince connected for a homerun in the May Queen eliminations, walked off with the \$5 cash award and played host to Miss Bates.

"I'm crazy about Jane," exclaimed Vince.

"She's a rabid sports fan," he said, "and knows many of the big personalities of the athletic world. From fighters to ping pong players, she knows everything. I can't tell her a thing."

What does she look like?

"She weighs in at 105 and stands five feet three," informed Vince. "She has chestnut brown hair and big blue eyes. She's a plenty smooth dancer and likes Dick Jurgens."

Jane's father, Joseph A. Bates, a

Chicago attorney, is a great friend of Gabby Hartnett, according to Vince.

Camp Grant's May Queen arrived at the military reservation Thursday at 11 a.m. She was met at the gate by a military police motor squad which escorted her to Brig. Gen. John M. Willis, Camp commander, who officially welcomed her.

She met Lt. Col. Charles F. Snell, commanding officer of the Station Hospital where Vince Garrity is assigned to duty.

Runners-up in the May Queen contest were: Miss Emily Janesic of West Allis, Wis., second place; Miss Audrey Ann Moloughney of Jersey City, N. J., third; Miss Edna Seward of Minneapolis, Minn., fourth; and Miss Mary Carol Jolly of Green Bay, Wis., fifth.



FOUR Yanks just returned from duty with the RCAF hadn't had time to get U. S. uniforms when this picture was taken. Left to right: Flight Sergeants Wilson, Saunders, Daniels and Eno. —SEAFTC Photos.

## Yanks Return to Fight for U. S.

### And First Dutch Flyers Travel From East Indies to Get Instruction From Uncle

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—The Yanks are coming—back to the United States! Young, lean and Canada-hardened, these "Yanks" are American boys who stepped across the International Border and into the Royal Canadian Air Force when they found they could not qualify for aviation cadet training in the U. S. Army Air Forces.

These standards have been relaxed in recent months—made more in keeping with a man's thinking ability instead of his formal education and now, "Uncle Sam" has invited his nephews in the service of other United Nations Air Forces to come on home.

The first contingent of these aeronautical prodigals arrived in the Southeast Army Air Forces Training Center Tuesday.

Sgt. Pilot Charles Winters Wilson of Ft. Worth, Tex., who was ready to step into a Hudson bomber bound for England when notice of his transfer to the U. S. Army Air Forces came, was one of the first to arrive at post headquarters at Maxwell Field. Accompanying him were Bert Saunders of Owasso, Mich.; D. C. Daniels of Salt Lake City, Utah; and Arthur Raymond Eno, Jr., of Washington, D. C.

Wilson, 20, looked at the wide acres of the reservation with its winding drives and homey buildings and grinned: "Looks like home to me!" It was less than three weeks ago that Wilson, with a year and a half of Royal Canadian Air Force training and operational flight under his belt, looked over his new command. It was a new Lockheed Hudson bomber, from "back home," and was manned by two Canadians of Wilson's age.

"It was some baby too," Wilson related here as he waited for the Quartermaster to issue him a new, khaki uniform to replace the blue wool of the RCAF.

"My crew was tops, too. The wireless gunner—he was a two-in-one man as his title implies—was a sergeant. The observer was a pilot-officer and although he ranked me, I was captain of the ship."

"We were ready to leave for Newfoundland and the trip across when they told me I was going back to the United States," Wilson said. He had applied for transfer a few weeks earlier when it was first announced that such transfers would be granted Americans in the Canadian service.

Wilson's story is typical of that of thousands of American boys who have joined the RCAF since the start of the war, and prior to America's entry.

He was going to school at North Texas Agricultural College, Arlington, Tex., studying aeronautical engineering when, as he puts it, the urge to fly became so irresistible that he couldn't "stay still."

He tried to enlist for training as an aviation cadet in the Army Air Forces, but he had only a year and a half of college credit, and at that time two years was required.

"I'd heard that the Canadians had a rating which permitted flight training to non-college men," Wilson said, "so I went up to Canada to see."

That was in January, 1941. Wilson came back to Ft. Worth in November with the Inverted silver wings of the Canadian Air Force and a sergeant-pilot's rating. He was ready for operational training—the nearest approach to combat duty in Canada—and was assigned to flying Hudson bombers at an Operational Training Unit in Nova Scotia.

He comes to Maxwell Field with 300 hours in his log book, all but 70 hours of which was put in on twin-engine heavy airplanes. He has more than 100 hours of instrument "time," 30 hours of it under actual zero-zero weather conditions.

"Up in Canada, they fly in bad weather," he said in explanation of his unusual instrument total. "Even students on dual are getting instrument instruction," he said.



THESE Dutch flyers will resume their flight training under the peaceful skies of a school in the Southeast Training Center, then will take up the old quarrel with Japs. The man pointing is an infantryman, the one at right is a sailor.

## THE ARMY PRESS

Probably the biggest paper ever to make its bow on the Army scene is *The Flyer*, introduced last week by the Chico, Calif. Army sports and features. A tabloid of five columns, its future issues will Flying School. It came out in 32 pages, combining general news, run from eight to 12 pages.

What makes the stunt even more commendable is the fact that the initial issue was published just one month after the day the first small group of men arrived from Moffett Field to set up the new base. The paper is printed by the Chico Record and is distributed free to everybody on the post.

### DOWNFALL

It's written in the horoscope of Pvt. Fred Willborn that bicycles are his nemesis. Fort Sill (Okla.) Army News says he was put in the guardhouse a couple of weeks ago for swiping two bikes. Last week he caught a ride into nearby Lawton, got on a third bicycle standing in front of a theatre and pedaled all the way to Marlow before the MPs caught up with him.

They weren't on bikes.

### SHUT MAH MOUF

Semper Primus of Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., relates the case of Pvt. Vernon Clark who has been ordered by the surgeon not to talk for 60 days. Object is to enable a papilloma growth on his vocal cords to recede.

Too bad he's not a sergeant.

May 15 issue of *Texacts*, printed by Shepherd Field, Tex., set a standard the boys are going to find hard to live up to. It was a 16-page tabloid and nowhere could these jaundiced eyes find a hint of boondoggling, or Space Filling for the Sake of Filling Space. It made quite a splash with its AER show "Three Dots With a Dash"—page layout of pictures and all.

Another new one to make its appearance this week is *Shoot 'Em Down*, at Camp Stewart, Ga.

### WILD ABOUT ALASKA

Nobody can explain how come a Navy sheet is getting in here, but here it is. Name is *Williwaws*, published at the Naval Air Station, Kodiak, Alaska, and the first issue we've seen is Vol. 3, Issue 2. (Believe "Williwaws" means some kind of a wind, like "chinook" or something, but don't quote us.)

Anyway, the paper's editors are very happy to be in Alaska and want you to come up there too. We reprint

a few inducements:

"Absence of women's hats in theatres here is just another reason why those outside should come to live in Kodiak's Island Paradise."

(Absence of women, too?—Ed.)

"The *Williwaws* has the largest circulation of any publication printed on yellow paper in Alaska, making just another reason, etc."

But you get the idea.

### TAILOR-MADE

They can't line up the bunks for inspection in Co. B, 34th Bn., at Camp Crowder, Mo., because of Pvt. Harold M. Bauer, reports the Camp Crowder Message.

Bauer is over six and a half feet tall, and a special bunk seven and a half feet long has been assigned to him.

How come Tolstoy's "War and Peace" is listed as non-fiction in library topics in Fort Niagara, (N. Y.) Drum?

### IS SHOWN

Mark up the dirtiest trick of the week against the editor of *Gunter Aero-Gram* at Gunter Field, Ala. He assigned a reporter to cover the MPs' new school of instruction in jiu-jitsu. The policeman's hold, how to handle a drunk, the correct way to remove knives and pistols from an adversary—all were shown the

reporter, who had never harmed anyone in his life.

He is expected to recover soon.

### COINCIDENCE

Somebody on the Fort Wood News sent us a tear sheet showing a cartoon which is somewhat similar to that printed on our editorial page,

May 9. Their's was printed on May 8. It's the one of Hirohito, Hitler and Mussolini crouching behind the ball. Only difference was, ours included a photograph of a cartridge which twisted the idea a little. The News' picture was drawn by Ft. Omans.

Great minds, etc., we guess.

## Your Chance to Meet Kid With Sheepdog Hair-Comb

LOWRY FIELD, Colo.—The first Army cartoon character to be brought to life on the airwaves is the pride of Lowry, Private Reginald Rookie, the kid with the sheepdog hair-comb who gallops through the pages of Lowry's post weekly, *The Rev-Meter*.

Now six months old, Reggie is the star of his own radio program, "Open House At Lowry Field," a half-hour variety program broadcast over the Mutual network from Denver to California every Saturday evening. Judging by the fan mail pouring into the studios of KFEL in Denver and the public relations office at Lowry, Rookie is as popular with radio dialers as he is with soldier and civilian readers of the *Rev-Meter*.

The entire nation will get a chance to hear Pvt. Rookie stumbling through a script when he makes his coast-to-coast debut the evening of May 27th on Mutual's new Army program, "Pass In Review." That is the half hour during which

Lowry Field will tell the story of the Air Forces Technical Training Schools in Denver.

Pvt. Reginald Rookie is drawn by Sgt. Hal Kanter of Lowry, and he is portrayed on the air by his creator.





## How Easy Is It To Fly A Glider?

# First Pictures Show You How Army Pilots Do It



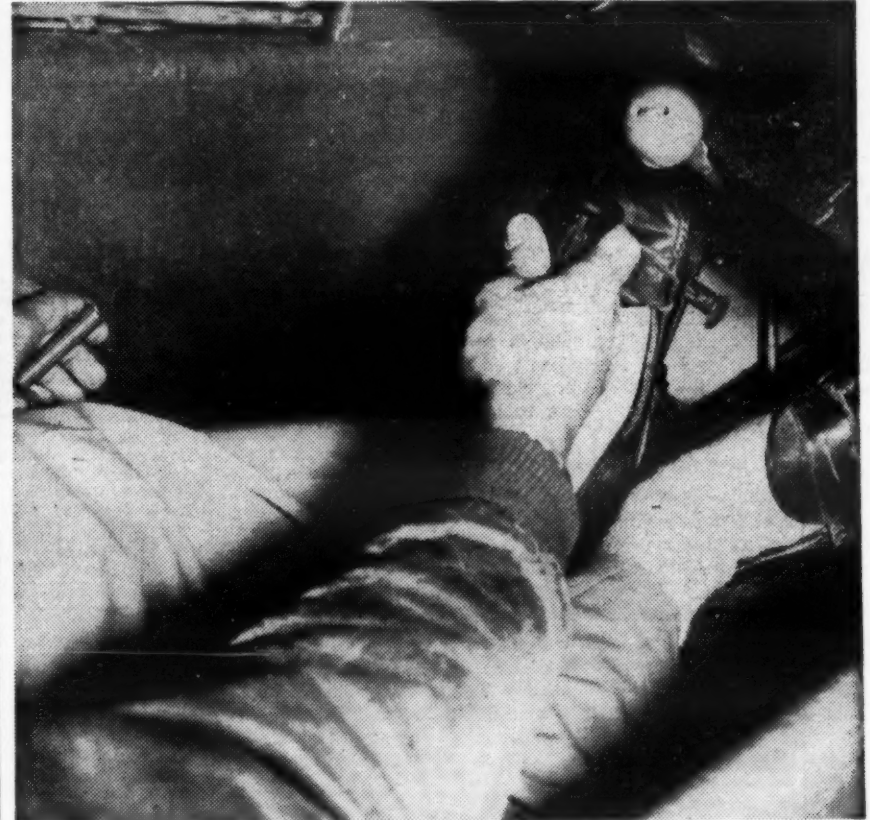
**PILOT** gets set for the takeoff. He places left hand on knob that will release the glider from the tow-rope in case of an emergency. His right hand is on the stick, feet on the rudder pedals, operated the same as on ordinary planes.



**HERE** is position of the hands when the glider is released from the towline. Left hand pulls the release knob and right hand pushes stick forward to slack off on the rope. The pilot is now on his own, at height of 4,000 feet or more.



**TO** execute a right bank, pilot moves stick to right while right foot depresses right rudder; opposite for a left bank. The four-week course at Twenty-Nine Palms, Calif., involves about 30 hours of instruction actually in the air.



**IN** landing, right hand holds stick forward to bring glider in on the skid, left hand holds the 'spoiler' lever which decreases lift of glider. Feet are on the rudder pedals, right heel in on the brake, (shown in picture at upper left).

## Wolters Stages Flag Pageant

**CAMP WOLTERS, Tex.**—An event outstanding in the annals of Camp Wolters was the pageant, "Flags of America," presented by the 56th Inf. Training Bn. in the Sports Arena of the camp before a capacity audience which braved heavy rains to view the spectacle. Constructed around forty-eight flags embodying the traditions of American history, the pageant was presented by a group made up of young ladies of

Mineral Wells and officers, commissioned officers and men of the 56th Bn.

The pageant brought expressions of greeting from Navy Secretary Frank Knox and John G. Winant, ambassador to England. Praises of the pageant offered by the honor guests Maj. Gen. Bruce Magruder, commander of Camp Wolters and Maj. Bruce Magruder.

A three-fold purpose was fulfilled by the pageant of flags, according to Maj. A. W. Flemings, battalion executive officer, who acted as narrator. The flags have been placed as part of a permanent exhibit in the 56th Battalion's recreation building as part of a permanent exhibit in training men in military history.

The flags carried by enlisted men

of the battalion in the course of the pageant are the work of two battalion artists, Pvt. Robert Duckro and Cpl. Henry Biedinger. From Corporal Biedinger's designs of flags carried by foreign and American forces from the first Viking discoveries down to the admission of the last state in the union, Private Duckro produced exact replicas of the originals after months of meticulous work with the needle.

Music for the program, featuring numbers in the American tradition, was arranged by Corporal Harold Green.

Opening with a recitation by a little girl of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag taught in every American school, the narrator next summoned the first of the series of flag-bearers

to the center of the stage with introduction of the Viking Flag of Leif Ericson, who first came to America in 1000 A.D. The Spanish flag and the banner of Columbus, both carried by that explorer on his voyages in 1492, followed in the procession of flags, and were succeeded by flags of explorers from Britain, France, and the Netherlands which flew over American soil before the beginning of the eighteenth century.

A group of flags of the earliest colonies appeared next. Flags of the early Southern and Northern colonies made up the next two groups, the four Pine Tree Flags of the Northern Colonial troops in 1775 being followed by the Rattlesnake Flags of several of the Southern Colonies. The beginning of the evolution which led to the design of our flag as we know it today was apparent in this series. The group was concluded with the British National Flag and the Star Spangled Banner of 1814, representing the two sides in the struggle that launched the United States. Flags of Texas and California,

where similar fights for liberty took place before these states were admitted to the Union, made up the next group.

Finally, a collection of four flags used by the Confederacy passed in review.

A special feature here was the introduction of two battle flags, one used by Federal troops during the Civil War, and displaying thirty-five stars, and the other a veteran of the Spanish-American War, with forty-five stars. "Old Glory," of course, appeared last, held by the 56th Battalion Color Guard, as the band played the National Anthem.

In the letters read by Major Flemings, Ambassador Winant and Secretary Knox expressed best wishes on the occasion of the dedication of the flags, Mr. Knox adding that the pageant recalled the background of American liberty dating from early New England to Chateau Thierry, Belleau Woods and the Marne.

"From the Navy, on this occasion," he wrote, "I send you not only greetings, but the patriotic handclasp of the men of the United States Navy. They are with you all the way—for victory!"

## Convoys Always Welcome at Clark

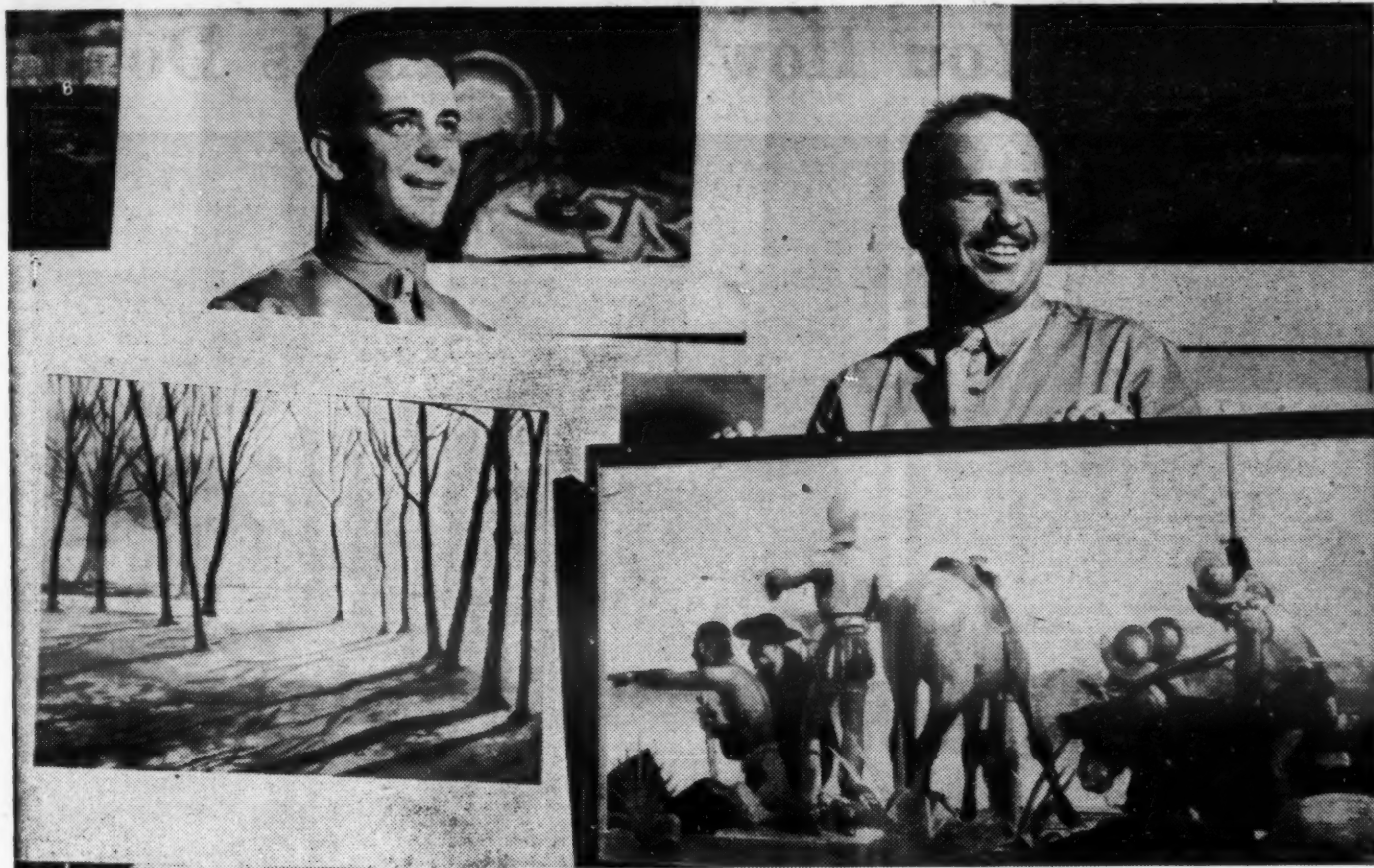
**FT. CLARK, Tex.**—This small cavalry post has a glad hand of welcome for the many convoys who select it as their favorite stopping off place.

112th Cavalrymen have become so adept at handling Convoys East and Convoys West that billeting transients no longer presents a problem.

## War Unites Dad and Son Separated for 11 Years

**CHANUTE FIELD, Ill.**—The Army this week brought together for the first time in 11 years Pvt. Walter W. Woodward, Chanute Field soldier, and his father, E. Benjamin Woodward, a civilian employee at the field. Father and son lost track of each other while Mr. Woodward was engaged in itinerant construction work on the Pacific Coast. Notified by a daughter that Private Woodward had been stationed at Chanute Field two months, Mr. Woodward located his son this week.





PVT. J. P. JANKOWSKI, left, and Pvt. L. G. Heller display the paintings which won them first and second grand awards, respectively, in the Sheppard Field, Tex., art, photography and hobby contest, sponsored jointly by the Special Services Branch and Public Relations Office of the field. Paintings are "Trees in the Morning Sun" and "Conquistadore". —Air Force Photo.

## Four Brothers in Same Outfit Boast No. 1 Mother

CAMP LIVINGSTON, La.—All present and accounted for are the four Reinaker brothers, Privates Harold, Marr, William and Elmer, in the line-up of Headquarters Batry., 107th FA, a fact which is appreciated by the officers and enlisted men of the 107th, though slightly confusing at times.

Although it is not a rarity that four men from one family should be called to the colors, it is definitely unusual when the four are all members of the same division and attached to the same company, as is the case with the brothers Reinaker.

The boys were all members of the National Guard and attached to the 107th when the Guardsmen were mobilized in February, 1940. "We started out together, and we'll finish our job the same way," said Harold, spokesman for the group.

Upon mobilization the brothers went with their division to Indian-town Gap, Pa., where they received training. Later they went on the Carolina maneuvers, and in January of this year accompanied the Key-stoners to Camp Livingstone, present base of the 28th Division.

It is small wonder that their mother, Mrs. Harry Reinaker, R. D. No. 5, Danville, Pa., was presented a gold emblem of honor by the Em-

blem of Honor Assn. of N.Y.C., and designated as Pennsylvania's No. 1 mother by the chief burgess of Danville.

The boys never have to worry for the lack of mail, especially where Mother Reinaker is concerned. Mrs. Reinaker writes to her sons individually and as each reads the other's mail from home, they are never "in the dark" for news from the home front and a loving word of encouragement.

On Mother's Day the Reinaker quartet attended services in the Methodist Church at Beaumont, Tex., and the preacher, Jose Powers, was so impressed with their appearance, that he invited them to his home to dinner.

Expressing anxiety to "get across and have it over with," the four brothers speak with the confidence of men who have been trained well in the phases of modern warfare and when the 28th "rolls" they will be part of one of the most efficient war machines in the world today.

## SC School Trains Men As First Sergeants

A school which prepares soldiers for the exacting job of top sergeant in the American Army has won its chevrons at the Signal Corps Replacement Training Center at Fort Monmouth, N.J.

Within an eight-week period, this school transforms soldiers into "top-kicks" able to cope with the endlessly varied problems

of administration, supply, and company leadership which will face them in the field. Its first graduates are now serving with Signal Corps units.

Each soldier reporting to the school comes with the endorsement of his commander that he possesses the qualities of energy, intelligence, forcefulness and leadership demanded of a first sergeant.

For approximately six weeks, the men are trained in Fort Monmouth classrooms and drill fields. Besides company administration, they study infantry drill and physical training, defense against chemical and air attacks, sanitation and hygiene, first aid, training methods, basic signal communications, map reading and sketching, and morale and supervised athletics.

During the final stages of the course, the students are tested by actual field problems. They transfer their school to a remote area, where they set up their tents and lay out in every detail their portion of the camp. Daily, they carry out the typical duties of a first sergeant in the field. Each one individually keeps a morning report, sick book, and guard and duty roster. Each learns how to manage supplies and company mess under actual working conditions. And each actually does K.P.

The school was inaugurated by the former commander of the replacement training center, Brig.-Gen. Frank Stoner, who is now Chief of the Army Communications Branch, Office of the Chief Signal Officer. At present, it is directed by Lt. Edward H. Olsen, Signal Corps, under Col. Edgar L. Clewell, Signal Corps, General Stoner's successor at Fort Monmouth.

## SEATC Notes

MAXWELL FIELD, Ala.—Cadet Sam Perry Dixon, son of Gov. Frank M. Dixon of Alabama, likes basic training ships better than the primary trainers. He had difficulties while operating the former at Avon Park, Fla., one of the training schools of the Southeast Army Air Forces Training Center, for his No. 12 shoes pushed against the strut braces when he pressed the pedals. But the basic trainers which he now flies at the Greenville, Miss., Army Flying School, allow more room.

### EXTRAVAGANCE!

A soldier at Gunter Field, Ala., in the Southeast Army Air Forces Training Center, doesn't take advantage of the opportunity to send his mail without postage by writing "FREE" in the upper right hand corner of the envelope.

"A stamp makes the envelope look better," he says, by the way of explanation of his evident lack of financial prudence.

### BIG BEANERY

The soldier cry of the A. E. F., a quarter-century ago, was "When do we eat?" It sounded from Brest to Coblenz.

In today's army—they eat! Gunter Field's new cafeteria can seat 1,600 eaters at one time; more if necessary.

### STAGE FRIGHT

A newly enlisted soldier at the Columbus, Miss., Flying School snapped smartly to attention as he stepped to the desk of his commanding officer, in one of the school squadrons, and then—found himself speechless.

The captain, hoping to prod the self-conscious recruit's memory on military courtesy prompted: "Men in the armed forces seek

"What do you say?"

This was in the rookie's own language, and he thawed out immediately:

"Not much," he answered. "Whadda you say?"

### MORE PRAYERFUL

Men in the armed forces seek

## Wades Through Flames To Save Comrades

FORT BRAGG, N. C. — Private Maurice "Pat" Coughlan today is a hero to his fellow members of the 194th, a unit of the Provisional Field Artillery Brigade here. With utter disregard for his own safety, Private Coughlan waded into a gasoline fire

with a small extinguisher, putting out the blaze, saving the lives of nearby soldiers and preventing the destruction of thousands of dollars worth of government property.

A commercial gasoline truck was unloading fuel at a battalion tank near which Private Coughlan was on duty. The truck driver, stepping into a building and lighting a cigarette, ignited fumes from the gas. As the crawling flame approached a breather pipe leading into the ten-thousand gallon tank, Private Coughlan grabbed an extinguisher and went to work; other witnesses had fled, but Private Coughlan stuck it out until the fire was extinguished.

Capt. Harold P. Matzen, officer of the day who investigated the fire said: "It was one of the nerviest things I ever heard of."

Private Coughlan said: "I expected to be blown up any minute, but the job had to be done."

rest in prayer more than persons in civilian life.

This is the observation of Lt. William C. Summar, post chaplain at Napier Field, Dothan, Ala. In dedication ceremonies for a new chapel there, he said:

"The soldier's constant association with arms, airplanes and instruments of death keep him in close touch with his Maker."

## Recreation Is Ample in South Survey Reveals

A survey of recreation welfare facilities in Army and Navy posts through the Southwest, and Southwest, conducted by Fowler V. Harper, chairman, and four other members of the Joint Army and Navy Committee on Welfare and Recreation, shows all facilities operating on a high level, the War Department announced today.

The Committee reported that it was particularly impressed with the character of the personnel responsible for the welfare activities.

This was the second of two tours covering 20 military and naval centers, and is part of a national survey of the military and civilian welfare and recreation program for the armed forces. In addition to Mr. Harper, the Committee included: Fred K. Hoehler, American Public Welfare Association; Nelson D. Jay, American Red Cross; Raymond B. Fosdick and Samuel E. M. Crocker, of the Joint Committee.

"Well aware that it requires a high state of morale as well as training in the use of arms, the Army and Navy have evolved a comprehensive program of work and relaxation that is proving vital to the over-all training of the service men," Mr. Harper said.

He reported that while in some camps operations are more effective than at others the impression as a whole was a favorable one. The moving picture service was regarded everywhere as the best that could be provided. The social programs in the camps and United Service Organization centers are generally popular and seem to be provided in sufficient numbers. The library service was found excellent. There is an unusual interest in religious services. Amateur dramatics, while not developed in all establishments, are popular with both men and officers. He said the reaction to Camp Shows, Inc., was found to be good.

The Red Cross recreation program for convalescents in hospitals are regarded as of great importance by the medical personnel, who express general satisfaction with the manner in which this work is conducted.

The relationship between the military and naval authorities and civilian communities seemed generally satisfactory, according to Mr. Harper.

While contacts between camps and communities vary in different localities, the Special Service officers and commanding officers testified generally to the cooperative attitude of the civic groups and public leaders, he declared.

The Joint Army and Navy Committee on Welfare and Recreation is making these tours as part of its function as the coordinating and advisory group to the Army, the Navy and the Federal Security Administration in matters pertaining to welfare and recreation of the armed forces both within military reservations and in nearby communities. The Committee was set up jointly by the War and Navy Departments.

Medal, he announced, adding that the entire regiment was proud of "Pat."

Private Coughlan is the son of Arnold E. Coughlan, of Peru, Iowa. He graduated from Peru High School in 1935, and worked as a jeweler until his induction in April, 1941.

Col. Walter Anderson, commanding the 194th, is investigating the matter with the intention of recommending Private Coughlan for a Soldier's



"Yesterday the colonel took off three pounds—from the horse!"



## Old Jim Roberts Solves the Problem

By Staff Sgt. Charles Genella, HQ Detachment, Camp Livingston, Pa.

Our top-kick had tried using likeable but lazy old Jim Roberts in a half-dozen different jobs in our outfit. Of course, Jim Roberts isn't his real name. At any rate, Jim's one of those guys that's too nervous to handle a gun, with any degree of accuracy, and much too slow on his feet to make a dependable ammunition carrier in one of the machine gun sections.

Couple of weeks ago, in desperation, the topkick threw a bugle at Jim and told him to learn the various bugle calls because, like it or not, he was going to be the company bugler. For weeks Jim has been snorting and blowing the bugle so he could take over his new job.

Our whole outfit was lined up in formation on the company street and, after "Retreat" ceremonies today, the First Sergeant told Jim to climb up on the bugler stand and sound "Mess Call." Everybody, from buck private to colonel, was watching out of the corner of their eyes as Jim, waddling like an old duck,

started climbing up the twenty-foot high bugler platform. You could've heard a pin drop as we waited for him to blow the call for dinner.

After a couple of moment's hesitation Jim put the bugle to his lips and started blowing. After sounding off with an unfamiliar melody of false off-key notes, he stopped abruptly. A short awkward pause

and Jim gave it another try. Once again the sound, although loud enough, had no resemblance to the familiar and well-loved "Mess Call."

Old Jim was beginning to sweat around the collar and, having soldiered with him for eighteen months, none of us were surprised when, as a final solution to the problem, he dropped his bugle on the platform floor. Raising his two arms overhead, parts of his mess kit in each hand, he began violently beating the canteen cup against the meat can and yelling in a voice resembling a fog-horn blast:

"Last call for chow!"

## Mail Beep Shuttles 990 Miles To Iron Div. Men in Field

CAMP LIVINGSTON, La.—No one knows better than a soldier how much mail from home actually means—but few soldiers realize the effort the Army expends in seeing that soldiers' mail is delivered to them when it is received. This fact was vigorously demonstrated last week at Livingston, when the 107th FA Bn. spent a week on the artillery range at Livingston.

The men went to the range with one purpose in mind—to fire their weapons and prove to their officers that their past instruction had not been wasted. Realizing that the men of the 107th would want their mail while on the range and would probably be in better spirits if they

received it without delay, Maj. Gen. J. Garesche Ord, commanding general of the Iron Division, devised a plan whereby the mail would get to the men as promptly as if they were in the camp.

Three full bags of mail and packages were delivered to the 107th FA personnel each day they were on the range. The daily round trip from camp to the range covered 165 miles and, in six days there, a total of 990 miles was rolled up by the battalion's mail orderly Pfc LoDico as he drove his Beep between the range and camp.

"It's quite a job," says LoDico, "but I know how I feel when I don't get any mail."

## Ain't Love Grand!

FT. BENNING, Ga.—The Station Hospital at Fort Benning went to opposite extremes this week in making promotions among officers of the Medical Corps stationed at the hospital.

1st Lt. William Graham Love, native of nearby Columbus, Ga., was promoted to the rank of captain. At the same time, 1st Lt. James A. Loveless, former resident of Nashville, Tenn., was made a captain.

## P.O. Dept., Army Both Offer Same Man Job

GOODFELLOW FIELD, Tex.—If the federal government wants a new postmaster at Rowena, Tex., it will have to be content with second pickings. The Army has already inducted as 1-A the government's A-1 man on the examination list.

Pfc. William C. Kettler, attached to Headquarters Squadron and assigned to the base intelligence office, recently received a notice from the U. S. Postal department notifying him that he is "next in line" for the postmastership at Rowena, a position that will be vacant soon.

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## A Supply Officer Tears Off a Hot Love Letter

By Cpl. Adolph Abramson, B-4-2, FARC, Fort Bragg, N. C.

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2. At night, darling, as we sat about the fire, blazing, colorful, magnificent; I couldn't help but think of the times, marvelous, grand, beautiful, we spent together. The many evenings, summer, cool, clear, starry, moonlit, refreshing, we'd walk arm-in-arm beneath the trees, oak, chestnut, willow w/buds and leaves. The man in the moon played "hide-and-go-seek" thru the branches. When we came upon a bench, wood, for 2, w/back-rest, how we'd just sit there and say nothing . . . overcome with each others' presence. Never can I forget those nights. Your eyes, dark, blue, large w/twinkle, magnanimous. Remember how you loved the way I stroked your hair, black, long, silky, w/curls at the ends? Nor will I ever forget the long rides we took in my automobile, Buick, 2 door, rumble seat, Model 1940, 8 cylinders, blue w/black trimming, complete with accessories.

3. Sweetheart, all this leads to the point that we are all doing our part to end this war so that you can fall into my arms, manly, strong, loving, again.

4. With all my love, affection, admiration.

5. I certify the above statements are, to the best of my knowledge, true facts.

"80."

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## Chanute Ready For St. Louis, House of David

CHANUTE FIELD, Ill.—Victorious in seven of its first 11 starts, the Chanute Field baseball team is preparing now for a gruelling future of competition that will include games with Camp Grant, House of David and the St. Louis Cardinals.

Free to soldiers, the game with the National League Red Birds is expected to draw a capacity crowd to the new post diamond the afternoon of June 1.

On May 26, the Planesmen will entertain Camp Grant's sluggers for an early afternoon tilt and motor to Terre Haute, Ind., in time to meet famed House of David the same night. Camp Grant is one of the two teams that owns a victory over Chanute, the other being University of Illinois.

Schedule for the next week: Illinois Wesleyan at Bloomington; May 23—West Side Boosters (Kankakee) at Chanute; May 24—Serval, Inc. (Evansville, Ind.) at Chanute; May 26—Camp Grant at Chanute (afternoon); May 26—House of David at Terre Haute, Ind. (night); May 30—Illinois Normal at Chanute; May 31—West Side Boosters at Kankakee; June 1—St. Louis Cardinals at Chanute.

## Stewart Opens Sport Center

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—A volunteer-built outdoor play center was opened to soldiers and their guests at the Camp Stewart Enlisted Men's Service Club.

The playground, which is expected to be an off-duty mecca for soldiers and visitors, was formally opened in true major league style when the commanding general tossed the first shoe in one of the horseshoe courts.

Working only during off-duty hours, the soldiers were entertained by music of a composite band drawn from two unit bands and were furnished free refreshments.

The area consists of courts and equipment for horseshoes, ping pong, croquet, deck tennis, shuffleboard and other games as well as a number of lawn chairs shaded by colorful umbrellas where gamesters can relax.

## Jefferson Nines Notch Four Wins

JEFFERSON BARRACKS, Mo.—This Post's two baseball teams boosted their percentages over the week-end with four victories out of five contests as they swung into the fourth week of their baseball season.

Johnny Sturm's Reception Center Missions won two out of three and placed their season's record at the six victories, two defeats and one tie mark. They lost to the University of Missouri nine, 14 to 11, defeated Keller Drugs, 18 to 8, and topped the Washington University nine, 5 to 1.

The Air Corps team, representing the regular post, won two more games, running their winning streak to six straight and their record for the season to seven victories and two defeats. They defeated the Carter Carburator Corp. team of St. Louis, 8 to 6, and trounced Eden Seminary, 14 to 3.

Both clubs have a busy schedule coming up this week.

## Ex-College Boxers Train For Biggest Knockout

FOSTER FIELD, Tex.—A half-dozen ex-collegiate boxers from schools scattered across the nation are in the advanced stage of their aviation cadet training at Foster Field, Victoria, Texas.

Among the ex-pugs prepping to participate in the big Axis knockout are Charley "Lightfoot" Harrington, lightweight champion at the University of Cincinnati in 1939 and 1940, and big Don Kemendo, Waco, Texas, product who wore the colors of Texas, A. and M. before entering the Air Force.

The others are Bob Cary, of New Mexico Military Institute, son of a Devon, Conn., Navy captain; Chet Kropidowski of Wausau, Wis., who boxed for Whitewater State Teachers College; Will Marshall of Portsmouth, Ohio, from Virginia Poly; and Stan Wilson of Sacramento, Cal., who pushed the leather for his city's junior college.



FOES in the American League, Pvt. Joe Gantenbein, ex-Phila. Athletic infielder, right, is re-introduced to Pvt. Ed Cole, former Brownie hurler. Capt. Arthur S. Washburn, Jr., does the honors at Fort Riley, Kan., where they play and he manages.

## Blanding Has Boundless Energy

CAMP BLANDING—Camp Blanding soldiers—like most men in uniform—are making themselves super-tough these days and doing much of it on their own time.

Instead of hitting the hay or seeking parlour amusements after a hard day's training, many capitalize on any remaining hours of daylight by combining recreation with muscle-building sports such as boxing, swimming, baseball and distance running, the four favorites.

It would be hard to find an or-

ganization in the entire Camp that didn't have a baseball team, or several boys who didn't like to put on the gloves and dish out the leather, or a single man who didn't like to plunge into the crystal clear water of nearby Kingsley Lake.

"Never mind the tiredness from the day's work," is the attitude of these soldiers who feel there is always a little energy left—so why waste it.

There are scores of diamonds and gyms over the Camp and every ef-

fort is made to give the soldiers time to indulge in their favorite sport. But where there may not be time, many soldiers manage to dig in and continue this body-hardening process on their own.

Commanding officers encourage this "never say die" spirit. One officer of a hard-hitting infantry outfit said, "Thank God for this spirit and boundless energy. It's what makes American soldiers the most alert, fast thinking soldiers in the world—it's an inherited aggressiveness which no other nations boast with the possible exception of the British."

The general attitude of the soldiers in training at Camp Blanding is pretty well expressed by Pvt. Albert Pritchard, who said, "We're at war and we know it. We don't mind going through a punishing day's training. The tougher we are, the better we can take it and the better we can dish it out. A little extra exercise helps just that much more. Anyway, everybody in this country is sports-minded and if we don't lick hell out of the Axis there won't be any sports over here any more. So when I say 'See you at the World's Series next year'—well, maybe you know what I mean."

## Bragg Cueist Met the Champs, But Never Scored a Victory

FORT BRAGG, N. C.—A frequent opponent of outstanding and nationally famous pocket billiard players, including both the women's and men's world titleholders, although never a tournament competitor himself, is the unusual record of Pvt. Jettie B. Wells

of the 3rd FA Observation Bn. And although he had many chances, he never scored a victory in any of his exhibitions with his famed cue visitors. "It was a lot of fun though, and good practice. I hope to take on some more of the best when my Army days are behind me," says "Jeeter," as he is familiarly known to his mates.

Among the topnotchers Wells has faced across the billiard table are Ruth McGuinness, then world's champ of the fairer sex; the famous Ralph Greenleaf, then men's world titlist; Irwin Rudolph, present men's world king; Babe Cranfield, reputedly the youngest player on the tournament circuit; the Italian star, Onofrio Lauri; Irving Crane, holder of the world's longest run, and the masked trick shot artist, the "Red Devil."

"My first match was with Ruth McGuinness, who was then holder of the women's world championship. I was pretty nervous, but luckily I put up a good game, losing by only 11 points, 100 to 89," he recalls. The champ was left-handed and a beautiful brunette, and Wells admits that her presence and that of her manager, also beautiful but blonde, may have disturbed his powers of concentration. The combined charms of the duo must have really taken effect in a later match which saw "Jeeter" do down to severe defeat.

In his opinion Irwin Rudolph is the best player he faced as well as the most likeable personality. Wells hopes to have another chance to meet him if the champion makes his proposed tour of Army camps.

Because the game requires daily practice, "Jeeter" acknowledges that he has slipped badly since coming into the Army. "If we had a billiard table in our day room, like some of

the other outfits, maybe I could get back in form. You know, being an axe man for a survey crew does not improve my touch, nor does using a pencil to compute angles and distances."

## Bragg Matman Craves Action

FARC, FORT BRAGG, N.C.—The Fourth Regiment of the Fort Bragg FARC has a veteran professional wrestler in its ranks and is awaiting the opportunity to match him up with a suitable opponent on one of these warm summer nights.

The grunt and groan specialist is Pvt. Joseph Nawrocki of Battery C, 10th Bn., a veteran of ten years in the mat game. Nawrocki has been in the Army for two months, half of the time in the Replacement Center, but he hasn't been able to find a suitable opponent for a match on the Post.

Stanislaus Zbysko, former champion and one of the greatest heavyweight wrestlers of all time, discovered him wrestling as an amateur in Polish clubs around New York City. He convinced Nawrocki that he should turn professional and trained him for nearly four years to a point where he could hold his own with the best in the business.

Nawrocki has traveled all over the globe, wrestling more than 1,000 foes in his career. Much of his time abroad was spent in the capitals of Europe where they take their grunts and groans much more seriously than we do here in this country.

## Joe Louis Aids Upton Train for AER Match With Mitchel Field

CAMP UPTON, N.Y.—The most formidable array of fighters ever to square off at Camp Upton started training today for the toughest test, the match with Mitchel Field on June 19. Col. H. Brenizer, commanding officer of the post, announced that all proceeds would be turned over to the Army Emergency Relief Fund.

A well-rounded squad reported to the camp's newly remodeled stadium to start their workouts, task in which the leather-punching lore of Joe Louis has been enlisted. Louis, whose transition from world heavyweight boxing king to Private Joseph L. Barrow has left his appeal and high-voltage punch intact, will be available as a result of the cancellation of his scheduled bout with Private Billy Conn.

In addition to plenty of ring action, stars of stage, screen and radio will entertain before and between the boxing bouts. According to Major F. J. Quigley, general chairman of the carnival, a host of stars as Al Jolson, George Jessel and Irving Berlin, who is at present writing the all-soldier production "This is the Army" at this post, will be a few of the well known "names" on the program.

A glance at the record reveals Upton contingent as a cagey hard-hitting and well qualified try for a repeat win over the Mitchel Field furnished the competition for a similar show at this post last year.

Private Arnold Adams of the Quartermasters Corps, fighting 135 pounds, has a record of 14 victories out of 15 battles. Corporal Patrick Teel also has an impressive array on the winning side, 20 bouts in 30. Corporal Pat, who has taken matches with Fada Booker and Missouri, and who anointed the canvas with Kid Gravey in their meeting at Los Angeles, tips the scales at 147.

Then there's Anthony D'Avanzo known by the nom de resin of Baby Donetti, 126-pound depth charge who sank 45 out of 48 foes in his amateur career and is a former Golden Glove titlist.

Leading the list on the credit side is Vincent Catrone, 190 pounds, who kayoted Marty Lieberman and Henry Zapita in meets at the Jamaica arena and has won 48 out of 50 amateur fights. Murray Brandt, at 140 pounds, also has quite a string of defeated opponents in his wage, having won 15 out of 25 bouts and been a National Guard champion.

Also taking up the gauntlet at Upton will be Raymond Dillow of Company H, fighting at 129; Private First Class Mike Teel, 170; Steven Nowinski, 142, and Anthony Tuley, 126.

Abetting Joe Louis in building an anti-aircraft unit to bring down the Mitchel Field aces will be Private Adam Pianga, who has earned his fame as Kid McCoy.

Arrangements have been made with the Long Island Railroad to run special trains from Penn Station right into camp, with one stop at Jamaica. Tickets for the event will also be on sale at the Long Island ticket office.

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# New Semi-Pro Code Boosts Army Game

FORT RILEY, Kan.—That baseball will boom in Uncle Sam's training camps this summer because of the incentive now offered all service teams in participating in any of the sanctioned 48 championship semi-pro baseball tournaments was voiced by Captain Arthur S. Washburn, manager of the Fort Riley replacement center team here.

Capt. Washburn said that new regulations which had been approved by the National Semi-Pro Baseball Congress would make it easy for service teams to compete.

Under the new ruling of the national organization he pointed out that Army teams may qualify through any one of the 48 state tournaments, not necessarily the one in the state where the camp is located. This will make it easy for a result to travel to the nearest state tournament.

Furthermore, the Army teams may compete directly into state tournaments without first qualifying in a district event.

"There'll be more interest among the boys in service on the diamonds because all teams will want to represent the camp in their state tournament," Washburn said. "In many camps tournament and league play will be held to determine the state tournament representative."

The cavalry captain also lauded the National Semi-Pro Baseball Congress as of determining the "champion Army team" in every state to be decided by the service club which finishes highest in each state tournament. On that basis Fort Riley R. T. C. was named Kansas and national service champion by the congress for having won second place in the state meet and seventh place in the nationals to set a new Army high in semi-pro competition last year.

It was Captain Washburn's prediction that the majority of the best teams to actively compete for state championships and later qualify in the eighth annual tournament at Wichita, Kans., in August, would represent the Army camps and industries engaged in war production.

## Mass Athletics Set Up for 8th Division Men

A mass athletics program, designed to enable every man in the division to participate in some type of sports, now in operation among the men of the 8th Motorized Div. at Fort Jackson.

Baseball, softball, calisthenics, track and field events, touch football, tag-of-war and numerous other athletic activities are included on the division-wide sports layout. Plans are also being made for the approaching swimming season with several units already lining up natural teams in preparation for the division swimming meets at Lake Barlow this summer.

Track and field competition is expected to be much more popular this year, many cinder path men having been limbering up for the past few weeks. The 13th Inf. has several promising trackmen who should make a real bid for division honors at the meets planned later in the season.

## Foster Field Steals Scholl from Yanks

FORT RILEY, Kan.—Uncle Sam's smartest New York Yankee and Brooklyn Dodger Ivory hunters last year when he obtained "Walter Scholl's" signature on Aviation Cadet enlistment papers.

Scholl soon to be commissioned a flying officer at Foster Field, revealed that he turned down some tempting baseball offers when he was graduated from Cornell University last spring. He captained the Big Red diamond team from the third round spot.

## With the Pundits

MOORE FIELD, Tex.—"Joe Di Maggio, Jimmy Fox and Ted Williams might have fat swat marks," observed Pvt. Anthony Scacciaferro, sitting on his 500th School Squadron foot locker the other night, "but General MacArthur has a better Bataan average."

## Sarge Who Risked Blast Gets Medal

WITH THE 43RD DIVISION—Presentation of the Soldiers' Medal to Sgt. Annibal D. Romeo, of Biddeford's Company in the 43rd Division's Maine Infantry Regiment, will be the feature of this Saturday's 43rd Division review. This highest award given by the War Department to a soldier when not actually on combat duty will be presented to Sergeant Romeo by Maj. Gen. John H. Hester, 43rd commanding general.

The medal was awarded to Sergeant Romeo for his unselfish and heroic action in extinguishing a fire in a tent containing highly explosive ammunition and thus saving the lives of his men.

Sergeant Romeo, was sergeant-of-the-guard at the Camp Blanding ammunition magazine last November when one of his men warned that there was a fire in a tent containing high explosives. He first ordered all his men to take cover and then, at the risk of his own life entered the tent and extinguished the blaze.

## Polo Stars Meet At Foster Field

FOSTER FIELD, Tex.—Two former polo stars from western colleges met for the first time when they were assigned to the same barracks here in the aviation cadet area.

Lt. Joe Slade of Lyman, Wyo., and Bob Cary of Devon, Conn., are specializing in aerial gunnery and tactical piloting here. Slade played with the University of Wyoming team and Cary was on the New Mexico Military Institute squad.

Slade, a football lineman of note at Wyoming and a former ranch foreman, admits that "this cattle country here put out its welcome mat for me."

## Jefferson Wrestler Captures AAU Title

Private Walter Barnes, a Jefferson Barracks soldier, won the all-service heavyweight final in the Ozark A.A.U. wrestling tournament in St. Louis recently when he defeated Bill Burnett of Scott Field by a decision.

Private Barnes, a former All-Southern tackle at Louisiana State University, is receiving his basic training in Flight A, 27th School Sqdn, at the Air Corps RTC. His football career also includes a berth on Red Grange's mythical All-American high school team and honorable mention for All-American college play.

In wrestling, Private Barnes was the champion of the Southeastern Conference in 1941, and was runner-up in the National A.A.U. finals in New York. He placed second in the weight-lifting contests of the Southeastern Conference in 1941.



SERVICE from a sarge, but not quite the same type Pvt. Bryan M. (Bitsy) Grant returned on the tennis court. The erstwhile Davis Cup net star is stationed at Sheppard Field, Tex.

# Empire State Opens Substation in Texas

FOSTER FIELD, Tex.—Led by Walt Scholl, Cornell University's football hero who figured prominently in the famous "fifth down" play at Dartmouth two years ago, New York State athletes have pooled their talents at Foster Field and are flying together as the "Empire State Squadron."

"I saw victory snatched from me at Dartmouth in 1940 when our team was given one too many downs, but this time there will be no miscount and victory will be ours," Scholl assured his flying companions.

"None of us can wait until we get a crack at the Japs," chimed in John Paul Jones, Jr., 23-year-old Bronx native who followed the trend of modern youth and "anchored his boat" to sail the skies with the Army Air Corps. Jones was coxswain for Manhattan College's varsity crew a few years ago.

Jones and George Andrews, who had quite a track career at Princeton University, came into the service together nine months ago as members of the much publicized "Feather Bed" National Guard regiment of New York City's exclusive Park Avenue. Another flier who had a boating career is Jack Rodger of Gouverneur, a former member of the

University of Pennsylvania's 150-pound crew.

Andy Kerr, veteran football coach of Colgate University's Red Raiders, takes personal pride in this Empire State Squadron, for one of his proteges, Dan Binneweg of Freeport, is a member. Another ex-footballer is Dave Achilles of Scarsdale, N. Y., who romped over the gridiron for Centre College in far away Kentucky.

Experience in soccer, tennis and wrestling is carried to the blue Texas skies by this squadron. Ed Moses of Palmer won his letters in soccer at Syracuse University and Boynton Clune of Ossining was well known on the Yale campus for his intramural tennis and wrestling activities.

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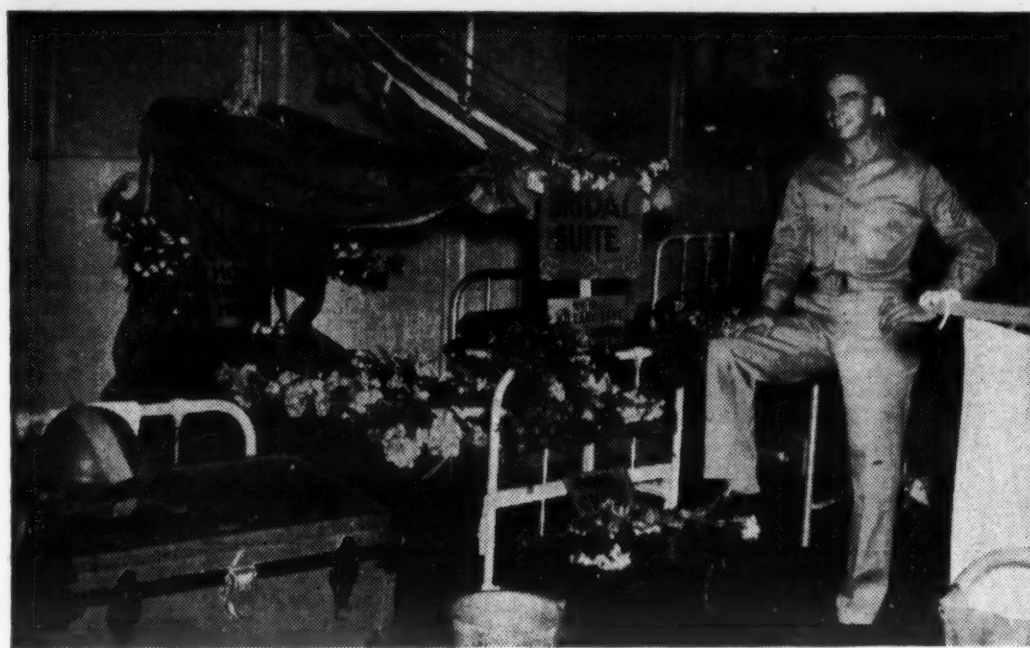
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## A Couple of Scrambled Eggs On True Love's Rocky Road

CAMP DAVIS, N. C. — In the spring, they say, the young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love. Now, personally, we've got no objections to love, but we think things are being carried too far when a soldier — a sergeant at that — is so smitten that he starts shaving with a toothbrush.

It all happened in Philadelphia, the city of brotherly love. Our hero, Sgt. Robert Park, of Headquarters Battery, 514th (AA) arrives on the scene, champing at the bit, his love anything but brotherly. And with him is another whom Cupid's dart hath pierced to the root, Sgt. Stanley Buza.

The two love bugs experienced some difficulties in getting out of camp Saturday, but love conquers all, and together with four other Romeos, our heroes departed this camp in Pvt. Charles "The Male Animal" Egber's car late in the afternoon. The villain in this melodrama is the sixth passenger car in the car, Pfc. Robert Mullins, who left the party at Washington, and in the dark, grabbed the Buza-Park handbag instead of his own.

### A Pant Between 'Em

Thus it is that we pick up our heroes, standing dismayed in a Philly hotel room, each bound to see the light of his life, and with but one pair of clean pants between them—Mullin's. Since Buza's heartthrob was waiting for him in Philadelphia and Park's was in Wilmington, Del., the most obvious solution—for both to climb into the pants—was out.

So Buza eyed the pants and Park eyed Buza. Park, being a meteorolo-

gist, knew which way the wind was blowing, and he grabbed first. Thus it was that the future Mrs. Buza got a preview of her husband-to-be in a pair of dirty pants, while the future Mrs. Park was treated to the spectacle of Bob in a dirty shirt and a sparkling, freshly laundered pair of khakis.

But to get back to the toothbrush. Mullin, it seems, is the he-man type who crows his whiskers by brute force—he had packed a razor but no brush. But Park, with Cupid prodding him on, refused to be daunted and, gently humming "I Love You Truly," he took Mullin's toothbrush, and a bar of Ivory, worked up a lather, applied it to his phiz with the toothbrush, and scrapped the whiskers off. Ah, truly, love conquers all.

But this is not the end of the story. The payoff is that Park, in a rosy glow, was so busy saying goodbye to his girl that he hopped on the train without the suitcase. Mullin, we understand, got little satisfaction when Park handed him the key to his suitcase and told him it was still roosting in a hotel 500 miles away. Perhaps the path of true love, after all, does not run smooth.

## Iron Division Tank Busters Organize Drum Corps

CAMP LIVINGSTON, La.—Breaking all precedents in the history of the Iron Division, the rootin', tootin' tank busters that are attached to the 28th Division have announced their intentions of organizing a full-fledged fife and drum corps. Unique in the history of the 628th Tank Destroyer Battalion, GHQ troops, and setting an example before the entire 28th Division under the command of Maj. Gen. J. Garesche Ord.

A fife and drum corps composed of experienced musicians will soon take their places at the head of the parade whenever the anti-tankers go on the march.

Equipment for the musicians was complemented by minor accessories bought by officers of the battalion in an effort to give the troopers the required material to form a present-

able unit. At the present time their equipment consists of eight drums, six fifes, twelve bugles and a pair of cymbals.

The fife and drum corps is supervised by Lt. Schooley for the present until a member from the ranks can be found to fill the shoes of baton waver No. 1 fifer. Many of these men were attached to similar units in civilian life. It is therefore expected that only a short time will be necessary to whip them into a first class corps.

Much will be seen of this newly organized unit as soon as the present preparations are completed, and the tank busters of the 28th are looking forward to finer, snappier marching drills with the added inspiration of a drum and bugle corps leading the ranks.

## Scrappy Texan and Three Sons Fight This War Side By Side

CAMP ROBERTS, Calif.—A Galveston, Tex., father and three stalwart sons have started basic training in the FARC here—all of them assigned to Btry. B, 55th FA Tng. Bn., and all of them living in the same barracks.

Pvts. A. C. Vanskike and his sons, Archie, 20; Clarence, 19; and Louis, 18, volunteered on the first day of war, but had to defer their enlistment to finish work started by the family contracting firm.

The four men will receive basic field artillery training and special training in wire communications during their 13 weeks of schooling as soldiers in the nation's largest replacement training center.

The senior Vanskike, now 44, served with the Field Artillery in France as a gunnery sergeant during the last war. He said that if there should be another war, in 20 years, he'll join again—with his grandsons.

## Army Names Col. Harris Flying Safety Director

To carry out the safety program of the Army Air Forces, Regional Safety Directors have been appointed and 10 Safety Regions created.

At the same time, the promotion of Lt. Col. Samuel R. Harris Jr., Air Corps, newly appointed director of flying safety of the Army Air Forces, to the grade of colonel was announced.

The men selected to carry on the details of this important campaign in all parts of the United States were chosen for their performance and experience in promoting safety in aviation. The safety program stresses that every accident decreases the

striking power of the Air Forces and that avoidance of preventable accidents, therefore, becomes a paramount duty of every officer and enlisted man in the Air Forces.

The program of flying safety was initiated despite the fact that the United States Army Air Forces constitute the safest military flying organization in the world. The accident rate of military aviation in the United States, according to Colonel Harris, is 68 per cent less than in 1930 and 10 per cent lower than the subsequent 10-year average. It is the intention of Army Air Forces to maintain the present low accident rate despite the expansion program with its influx of young and new flyers.

It will be possible under the terms of the flying safety program to discipline any member of the Air Forces, regardless of rank, for infractions of the safety code. It is planned that through the organization of the regional safety directors each flyer will directly be instructed in the steps to promote safety. Colonel Harris pointed out that only 14 per cent of the accidents investigated were caused by mechanical failures. The remainder were due to human failures. The plan is to educate the flyer into safe flying habits.

### QMC Aims 1st Program With Lt. Baruch at Mike

With, First Lt. Andre Baruch Quartermaster Corps, a former network announcer, acting as interviewer and master of ceremonies, a new Army program to be known as "The Quartermaster Quarter Hour" was inaugurated over Station WINX in Washington on Wednesday.

The new program will be on the air from 5:15 to 5:30 p. m. on May 20 and each Wednesday thereafter.

On the first program, Lt. Baruch, now on duty in the Office of the Army Quartermaster General, interviewed Capt. C. S. Bryan, QMC, on the general subject of the Army's emergency rations.

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## Foster Facts

FOSTER FIELD, Tex.—A routine trip to the station hospital for his son's sick book almost backfired for Sgt. Preston Rees this week. When a friendly back-slapper patted his sun-burned shoulder and Rees growled in pain. A medical officer who was standing by there summoned a hospital aide to get a tannic acid and a bandage to soothe his skin.

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PRODUCTION AWARDS  
The first medals of war—war production—were awarded to two Foster soldiers this week for their work in a war production plant prior to induction.

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## Uptake

CAMP BLANDING, Fla.—Soldiers at Camp Blanding's Induction Station have occasional difficulties in grading the literacy tests which are given each recruit on his induction.

For instance, the question "Can a man swim 1,000 miles in a day?" is sometimes answered with, "Yes, Superman." And the question "Can fish live out of water?" was answered by one aspiring recruit with, "Yes, in a bowl."

The scorers were puzzled when they found the question "What does breakfast begin with?" answered: "With a blessing." They couldn't score it as wrong and yet it wasn't exactly right.

"What do some people drink in place of coffee?" didn't even justify a pause for one recruit who quickly wrote in the answer column, "Home brew."

## Lid Off Size Of Branches In House Bill

Removal of limitations as to strength of any branch of the Army is provided in H. R. 4476 covering sundry matters affecting the Military Establishment, reported out this week by the House Military Affairs Committee and now up for action in the House.

The bill also removes limits on the number of flying cadets in the Army Air Corps, the number of assistant superintendents of the Army Nurse Corps, the number and grade of Reserve Officers who may be ordered to extended active duty with the Air Corps during the fiscal year 1942.

It also provides that, exclusive of the officers of the Army Air Corps and those assigned thereto for training, the number of officers of the Army who may be required to participate regularly and frequently in aerial flights during the fiscal year 1942 shall not exceed five percent of the total authorized commissioned strength of the Army.

Section 1 of the bill authorizes the Secretary of War to provide "(a) Entertainment and instruction in connection with the welfare of enlisted personnel." The committee report states that the War Department Special Services branch plans a "weekly radio program conducted for the entertainment and instruction of enlisted personnel (of the Army of the United States) in the various camps, posts and stations, and also the dissemination of information relative to recreation and welfare activities to newspapers, periodicals, and publications." The section provides:

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# We're Set to Use Poison Gas Says Chemical Warfare Expert

Col. Alden H. Waitt, field executive officer of the Army's Chemical Warfare Service, thinks poison gas will soon be introduced as a major weapon on the world's battlefronts. He predicted so in the New Republic two weeks before Prime Minister Churchill reported that the Nazis were planning to use gas against the Red Army.

When gas warfare comes, "it will be initiated on a scale never before witnessed," wrote Colonel Waitt. . . . Massed airplanes, carrying tons of gas will drop their chemical from the sky in amounts

that may prove overwhelming. On the ground special chemical troops will join the artillery in hurling thousands of chemical projectiles at their targets." The most important military principles, Colonel Waitt pointed out, is surprise; he said poison gas dropped from airplanes might be the Axis surprise this spring.

## All Nations Ready

Every nation, Colonel Waitt said, is now ready to use gas. The Axis

has built up huge stocks. German troops known as Nebeltruppe (smoke troops), he said, are completely trained and equipped. In addition to their own supply, the Nazis have several large French poison gas plants, Italy's chemical warfare service, and stocks of gas shells taken over from the Czechs.

The Chinese, said Colonel Waitt, have recorded the use of gas by the

Japs against Chinese nationals on more than 800 occasions since 1938. The Japs have used lewisite, mustard gas and "at least one nauseating irritant."

Why hasn't gas been used in Europe so far? The Germans didn't have to use it while they were advancing, said Colonel Waitt. It would have impeded them if they had placed it on ground over which they intended to move. They might have used it against the Russians last winter. But low temperature reduces the effectiveness of poison gas. "England is the only place where Germany might have found chemicals useful, and since August, 1940, they have not had superiority in the air over England."

## The Russian Mistake

Colonel Waitt suggested that England hesitated to initiate gas warfare because it didn't want to invite reprisal. With a large population concentrated in a small area it would have been especially vulnerable. (In his speech last Sunday, Prime Minister Churchill made it clear that England was ready to accept gas warfare—ready to give as well as take—if the Nazis use gas against Russia.)

In Colonel Waitt's opinion, the Russians made a mistake in not launching chemical warfare against the Germans last summer. "Russia," he said, "has less to fear from chemicals than her opponents and more to gain by their use. The Russians have a strong chemical warfare service and reports indicate that it has built up large-scale gas production."

What about us? "We are better equipped to wage chemical warfare than any other nation," wrote Colonel Waitt. "We have the raw materials. We have the plant capacity and the technical brains. For us, poison gas is the ideal weapon."

## Nazis Obey Geneva Code, Ex-U.S. Consul Reports

FORT CUSTER, Mich.—The international rules of warfare have been brought to the attention of Fort Custer soldiers twice this week. First, the Hon. Roy E. Bower, former United States Consul to Munich, told the post personnel that Germany was obeying the Geneva treaty in handling prisoners of war, and later a War Department circular received directed the men's attention to the obligation to obey international treaties and conventions.

In speaking of the consul's job of inspecting internment camps for prisoners of war, Mr. Bower told the soldiers gathered for the orientation course in world affairs, "The best rations in Germany go to the front line fighters. Second best rations go to the prisoners of war and the

German reserves. Third best rations go to the civilians. From my observation I can state that the Germans are obeying the Geneva Treaty regulations for caring for prisoners of war."

One of the field manuals which the Army uses for training its troops is devoted to the Rules of Land Warfare. The circular distributed today by the War Department called attention to one paragraph in the manual with reference to the obligation to obey treaties and conventions.

"Although all of the conventions set out are not binding on all of the countries with which the United States is at war," stated the circular, "they will be observed and enforced by the Army of the United States as provided in Field Manual 27-10. Any failure of an enemy belligerent to accord similar rights and treatment to the United States forces will be promptly reported to the War Department."

Rules of Warfare change like everything else as is evidenced by the closing sentence of the circular: "The Hague Declaration Number XIV, October 18, 1907, prohibiting the discharge of projectiles and explosives from balloons is not binding and will not be observed."

## Gen. Arnold Talks With Allied Heads in Ottawa

Nine Army Air Forces officers, headed by Lt. Gen. Henry H. Arnold, commanding general of the Army Air Forces, discussed flying training plans and procedures with representatives of the United Nations at the conference held at Ottawa, Canada, this week.

The purpose of the meeting was to further united military efforts. The meeting in Ottawa extended the air programs to take in the training of personnel to operate the military aircraft so that the most effective use will be made of all resources of personnel.



MARLENE stopped off at the War Department in Washington last week to look at a script she'll use in a future broadcast. A photographer happened to be passing by the door and he got this picture. —Signal Corps Photo

## Here's How They Bombed Japan

We don't know anything that makes better reading than the first-hand account by Brig. Gen. James H. Doolittle of the bombing of Japanese cities by a formation of U. S. planes. So we print it in full:

"The success of the recent air raid on Japan exceeded our most optimistic expectations. Each plane was assigned specific targets and the bombardiers carried out their expert duties with remarkable precision. Since the raid was made in fair weather in the middle of the day and from a very low altitude, no trouble whatever was experienced in finding the exact target designated. Apparently there was no advance warning of the raid, as we experienced little hostile reaction. Not more than 30 Japanese pursuit planes were observed during the flight and these were completely ineffective. Several we know were shot down, possibly more. Incidentally, the pilots of these planes seemed somewhat inexperienced, evidently not up to the standard of those encountered in active theaters."

"We approached our objectives just over the house-tops, but bombed at 1500 feet. The target for one plane was a portion of the Navy Yard south of Tokyo, in reaching which they had passed over what apparently was a Flying School, as there were a number of planes in the air. One salvo made a direct hit on a new cruiser or battleship under construction. They left it in flames."

"After releasing our bombs we dived again to the tree-tops and went to the coast at that altitude to avoid antiaircraft fire. Along the coastline we observed several squadrons of destroyers and some cruisers and battleships. About 25 or 30 miles to sea the rear gunners reported seeing



General Doolittle.

columns of smoke rising thousands of feet in the air.

"One of our bombardiers strewed incendiary bombs along a quarter of a mile of aircraft factory near

Nogoya. Another illuminated a farm. However, flying at such altitudes made it very difficult to observe the result following impact of the bombs. We could not see the strike, but our field of vision was greatly restricted by the speed of the plane and the low altitude which we were flying. Even so, of our party observed a ball game in progress. The players and spectators did not start their run cover until just as the field was out of sight."

"Pilots, bombardiers and all members of the crew performed their duties with great calmness and remarkable precision. It appeared to us that practically every bomb reached the target for which it was intended. We would like to have tarried and watched the later developments of fire and explosion, even so we were fortunate to receive a fairly detailed report from the cited Japanese radio broadcasts took them several hours to get down to deception and accusation."

## Stimson Visits 9th at Bragg

FORT BRAGG, N. C.—The Division had a distinguished visitor Tuesday morning when Henry Stimson, Secretary of War, arrived by plane to inspect the division's all-out training. Accompanied by Maj. Gen. R. E. D. Hoyle, the secretary witnessed the progress of the training program.

Mr. Stimson's inspection of the division included a visit to MacFayden's Point where he saw the 15th Engineer construct a ponton bridge and operate an overhead cableway, a trip to the rifle range where all the fantry weapons used by the division were demonstrated and fired, and a view of a problem in landing operations by the 47th Infantry. The problem, which was staged as a simulated beach, featured an attack in several waves of men, with tanks from the 70th Tank Battalion leading the way and actual artillery shells being fired over the heads of the attacking infantrymen.

## Judge Advocate's School Extended to Eight Weeks

With an enrollment of 61 officers, the third class of The Judge Advocate General's School started Wednesday at the National University Law School Building in Washington.

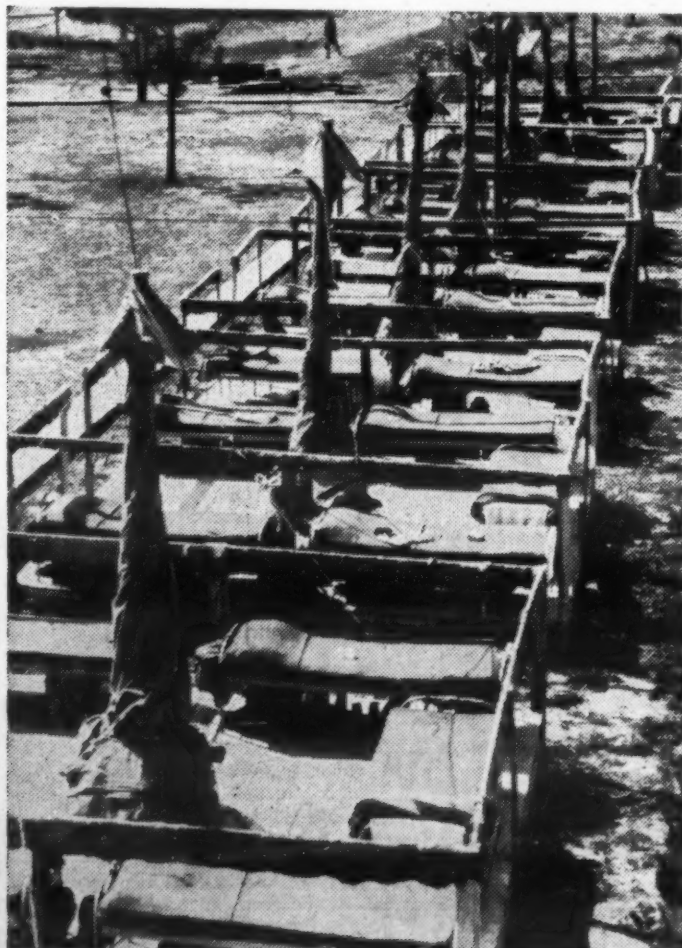
Maj. Gen. Myron C. Cramer, The Judge Advocate General, and Brig. Gen. Edwin C. McNeil, The Assistant The Judge Advocate General, attended the opening ceremonies and addressed the class.

Designed as an intensive refresher and training course in military law, military justice, court-martial pro-

cedure, and certain aspects of military government, and contracts and claims as related to the Army, the new course will be eight weeks instead of six weeks for the two previous classes.

## Corporal Gets in at Age 59

SAVANNAH, Ga.—A corporal who passed the Army physical examinations when past 59 now is at Hunter Field, in the ordnance detachment. He is Cpl. Julius Lawson, who will be 60 July 19. Corporal Lawson first entered the Army in 1904, when he enlisted in Co. K, 27th Inf., serving at Fort Sheridan, Ill.



THIS MIGHT be called a canvas strip-tease. It's the idea of the 38th Division Medical Battalion, Camp Shelby, Miss., for facilitating inspection clean-up and airing out tents. The canvas is merely lifted over the side frames, dropped inside the tent and wound around the center-pole. The results are sunshine, fresh air and fewer obstacles for the mop-and-bucket brigade. —38th Div. Photo.